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## Toxic mix of woes could push hotels off the edge

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A potent mix of everything that's bad for the tourism business is now pushing hotels over the edge, forcing many of them to let go of workers, cut operations, reduce employee work hours by up to 16 hours per bi-weekly payroll, or even shut off power for two hours every single day.

The situation is so bad that it won't come as a surprise if another hotel temporarily shuts down or changes ownership, unless tourist arrivals pick up soon. "April was the worst month for most hotels. But some hotels expect May to be much worse than April," Nick Nishikawa, president of the 12-member Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana



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## CHC to test its 'independence' on October 1

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Come Oct. 1 this year, the Commonwealth Health Center will start operating as an independent agency, as mandated by law.



Villagomez

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune* that the department will begin enforcing Public Law

16-51, or the Commonwealth Healthcare

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## 'A lesser-known immigration crisis'

» Worker group prepares letter to Obama

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An independent analysis of the federalization law published in the *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* described the CNMI situ-

ation "a lesser-known immigration crisis" that could be resolved by having the U.S. Congress pass additional legislation granting permanent resident status to long-term guest workers on the islands.

Robert J. Misulich, a J.D. candidate at

the University of Washington, said that federalization of immigration law in the CNMI is incomplete without a provision to normalize the status of long-term guest workers.

"Subjecting thousands of legal workers to deportation, through no fault of their own, is flatly unjust," Misulich said in his article, *A Lesser-Known Immigration Cri-*

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## FOOD GALORE

From rosemary chicken to squid, the Saipan World Resort's food both was among the crowd-drawers on the first night of the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas at the American Memorial Park in Garapan on Saturday. The food festival will be held every Saturday night of May, which is CNMI Tourism Month.

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# Local

## Change orders and shipment delay hold up renovation work

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Delays in shipment of construction equipment and change orders pushed back the completion date of the almost \$286,000 renovation work on the Office of the Governor building on Capital Hill.

The renovation contract was supposed to be from July 26, 2010 to Jan. 24, 2011, or 180 days.

As of last week, construction on the ground floor of the Juan Atalig Sablan Memorial Building was still ongoing, with walls torn down and rooms emptied of office materials.

The renovation includes replacing termite-infested wooden panels and damaged ceilings, floor tiles replacement, new carpeting in some areas, installation of an elevator to make the building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and replacing lighting fixtures with energy-efficient ones to save on utility costs.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said they expect the three-phased construction to be done by May's end.

There were change orders to the \$285,950 contract awarded to 3K Corp. but they didn't involve additional costs, he said.

"The orders were geared to-

ward extension of deadlines due to reasons such as when the contractor was awaiting the arrival of the elevator, parts for the elevator pit, and redistribution of wirings and waterlines," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

There were also periods of no activity to allow for staffers to move out of areas that were to undergo renovation. But Demapan said in general, the delays involved days when there was down time.

"So basically, when the project was held up due to shipment delays, the construction work would stop until the arrival of the needed equipment. So the projection of 180 days is a pro-

jection of work days and not necessarily a one-shot 180 days concurrently," he added.

The construction is down to the third phase, which covers the executive conference room on the ground floor and down the hall toward the administrative offices such as the Special Assistant for Administration and the Marriage License offices.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos had to hold last week's Cabinet meeting in one of the conference rooms at the Department of Public Health in Garapan because the governor's conference room was torn down as part of the renovation.

## Betel nut waste and cigarette butts among targets of anti-littering bill

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Betel nut chewers and smokers caught throwing their betel nut waste or cigarette butts indiscriminately could be fined \$25 to \$1,000, plus the possibility of picking up trash from public places under police supervision, if a bill amending the CNMI's anti-littering act becomes law.

House Bill 17-171 also cuts the minimum littering penalty from \$200 to \$25, but increases the maximum fine from \$500 to \$1,000.

The bill also clarifies the responsibilities of government agencies in enforcing the law.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), author of HB 17-171, said the actual issuance of litter citations has been sporadic at best, with an average of only six issued annually since 1997 based on data from the Division of Environmental Quality.

The freshman lawmaker said there are two main reasons for the low number of citations issued, including having a litter control program that's severely

under-funded and a \$200 minimum fine that apprehending officers widely perceive as "excessive and unreasonable."

This \$200 minimum fine is in addition to the possibility of up to eight hours of community service for each offense.

The court also has no authority to suspend the fines under current law.

"The unintended consequence of these penalty provisions [are] that litter control officers are often reluctant to issue citations, preferring instead to educate violators and issue warnings, and prosecuting attorneys are often reluctant to pursue community service orders in addition to the considerable fine that the defendant would have to pay," Palacios said in his 10-page bill.

But the bill is still under committee review and has yet to pass the House.

For businesses, corporations, associations and other commercial entities, the minimum penalty is still \$200 but the maximum fine in subsequent violations is \$1,000 to \$5,000, plus community service.

## CHC

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Corporation Act of 2008, at the start of the new fiscal year.

"By October 1st, we're looking to start the corporation. That's the day we will begin the process to becoming more accountable, more self-sustaining, be on our own, develop our procurement rules, and basically the independence of the department," said Villagomez.

The move will mean converting the public hospital and the clinics on Rota and Tinian, including the Community Guidance Center, the Children and Women's Clinic, and the inter-island medical referral services, into a healthcare corporation. Both Tinian and Rota health centers will be included under the corporation.

Villagomez said that all revenue generated beginning Oct. 1 will be deposited into the corporation's account, the seed money for which will come from the central government.

"There will be seed money from the government and some federal grants for that account. All revenues of the hospital and DPH will stay within the corporation. By the same date, we're anticipating that no more budget from the Legislature will be provided to us," he said.

However, because the process is still at its initial stage, Villagomez said the central government is still expected to help DPH in times of need because a lot of functions are still tied with the government.

"It's like a small kid crawling before it can walk, before it can run. Still, there's a lot of functions tied with the central government. But we have to start somewhere. We're not saying we will be self-sustaining by Oct. 1, but maybe in October 2015 or 2016. We will still receive money from the central government until we [can] stand on our own feet," he said.

For Villagomez, making the public hospital a corporation will mean more efficiency in hospital operation because it will involve less bureaucracy and will be run by people who have proper health backgrounds.

At present, hospital hiring requires eight to nine signatories. In the corporation, the board has the sole authority to make a decision. Villagomez said this is among the "issues" that would be addressed by the public law.

The DPH chief said they expect revenue of between \$18 million and \$23 million next fiscal year. He admits that that this is not enough to sustain all operations. He said DPH needs between \$30 million and \$35 million a year to fully operate.

He said that when the corporation comes into place, it will evaluate all divisions and sections to determine the importance of each function.

"If it finds some departments or employees are not essential, we will let them go," he said.

Villagomez is chairman of the transition team tasked to oversee the transformation of the hospital into a public corporation. It has about 15 members.

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# NMC names six outstanding individuals for 2011

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The Northern Marianas College recognized six outstanding individuals during its 30<sup>th</sup> Charter Day celebration Friday on campus.

Instructor John Jenkins and Glenn Samuel Songcuan led this year's awardees by bagging the Instructional Faculty and the Student of the Year awards respectively.

Jenkins is an instructional faculty from the college's School of Education and has been with the college for several years.

Songcuan is a student of NMC since fall 2008. He is the president of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, a member of the Associated Students of NMC Interclub Council, and works part-time at the Adult Basic Education office.

The two, along with other four other outstanding personnel, were awarded \$200 cash prizes each and a one-year parking slot at the college.

Named Supervisor of the Year was John Manalo, the college's Human Resource manager. He has been with the college for several years and has served as manager, director, and staff senate member.

Researcher Lisa Hacskaylo, from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, was named the

► From left, NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, Student of the Year awardee Glenn Samuel Songcuan, Staff of the Year recipient Lisa Hacskaylo, Supervisor of the Year John Manalo, Instructor of the Year John Jenkins, Non-instructional Faculty of the Year Eric Abragan, Board of Regents acting chair Elaine Orilla, and Jack Kiyoshi, who received the award for Ben Babauta, this year's Alumni of the Year.

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NMC Staff of the Year. She is among the longest serving employees of the college and has served in various capacities.

Named Non-instructional Faculty of the Year was acting director of Information Technology Eric Abragan, who has been with the college for more than three years.

NMC conferred its Alumni of the Year award on Ben Babauta, who obtained his associate degree in business administration from the college. Babauta, a Saipan Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year, has been the president of the NMC Foundation for five years. He has over 22 years of experience in the luxury retail business and as he is the current acting general manager of operations for Duty Free Shoppers Galleria Saipan.



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## CRISIS

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*sis: Federal Immigration Law in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said yesterday that Misulich's legal research is yet another validation of their long-held belief that addressing foreign workers' immigration status is key to stabilizing the workforce, among other things.

Syed said UWM is "optimistic" that President Barack Obama and Congress will do something to help the plight of long-term alien workers in the CNMI.

He said the group will be sending an official letter to Obama by the end of this month, asking him to use his administrative power to grant parole-in-place for long-term foreign workers to allow them to legally remain in the CNMI until legislative relief is in place.

Such parole-in-place, beyond Nov. 27, 2011, is to protect foreign workers until such time that Congress acts on the U.S. Department of the Interior's April 2010 report recommending improved status for foreign workers who have been legally in the CNMI for at least five years, or until Congress passes Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's bill granting CNMI-only resident status to four groups of people, or until any other bill improving the status of foreign workers is enacted into law.

"We believe that during special situation, special legislation could be done," Syed told *Saipan Tribune*.

There are only six months to go before Nov. 28, 2011, when the CNMI-issued umbrella permits that allow alien workers to remain in the CNMI expire. This also coincides with the two-year grace period to obtain a federal status such as a CW transitional worker status, which the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is expected to re-

lease in the next few months.

Misulich, in his law journal article, said that, although well intentioned, the existing federalization program in the CNMI places thousands of legal guest workers in an extremely precarious situation.

"This comment argues that Congress should pass additional legislation granting permanent resident status to long-term CNMI guest workers," he said.

Adding a new "CNMI nonimmigrant worker adjustment" group to the EB-4 "Certain Special Immigrants" category to the INA would be a convenient means to grant permanent immigrant status to guest workers who have lived in the CNMI for at least five years, he added.

He concludes that without change, federalization could impose "an extreme and irrational injustice" upon thousands of legal guest workers who have greatly contributed to the devel-

opment of the CNMI, while preventing the CNMI from maintaining the labor force it needs to improve its economic condition.

Misulich also cited the U.S. Virgin Islands Nonimmigrant Adjustment Act of 1981, which provides further support for a permanent status provision.

Congress granted permanent resident status to nonimmigrant workers residing in the USVI since June 1975, with the understanding that long-term H-2 workers became a permanent part of the social and economic structure of the islands and that the federal government has a moral obligation to resolve their uncertain status.

"As the 97th Congress identified a moral obligation to normalize the status of legal aliens in the USVI facing deportation through no fault of their own, so too should the present Congress extend permanent resident status to guest workers in the CNMI who face deportation after Nov. 28, 2011," Misu-

lich said.

Congress, he added, should also establish a multi-agency task force as it did in the USVI to address and resolve local government funding issues resulting from this proposed action.

He also said in his conclusion that funding and provision of services concerns raised by certain local politicians are unsubstantiated and are not indicative of public opinion in the CNMI.

Misulich also said federalization in the CNMI should serve as a model rather than an example of haphazard injustice. American Samoa is the last remaining U.S. insular area with its own immigration system.

The Fitial administration is opposed to improved status for foreign workers, and if it could have its way, it would like to extend further the umbrella permits it issued so that foreign workers could legally remain in the CNMI under the old labor system.

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Islands, told *Saipan Tribune*.

April is traditionally one of the slowest months for tourism to begin with.

But whether it's April, January or July, other factors are adding to the already high cost of running hotels in the CNMI: skyrocketing electricity rates, gas price, and shipping cost increases at a time when tourism—the only major industry in the CNMI—is at its lowest ebb.

"And nothing's flying in from Nagoya and Osaka since April. It means we're only depending on flights from Narita, Japan," Nishikawa added.

Adding to the toxic concoction are the uncertainties in the immigration status of thousands of foreign workers by Nov. 28, 2011, and the continued ability of the CNMI to access the emerging Chinese and Russian tourist markets because of federal immigration law and policies. Others in the business community add the unstable laws and policies in the CNMI to the list of worries.

### Worst occupancy

But nothing prepared the CNMI and its tourism industry for the devastating impact of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan—coupled with lingering nuclear radiation fears—that could push arrival numbers and hotel occupancy off the cliff.

The triple disasters came at a time when arrivals from the CNMI's main market of Japan were already on a steady decline.

Hotels saw a large number of cancellations from Japan in the wake of the March 11 disaster, resulting in record low occupancy.

Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, the largest hotel in the CNMI with 426 rooms, ended up having only a 32.20 percent occupancy in April 2011, a 14-percent drop from April 2010.

Fujio Yamada, sales and marketing manager of Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, said were it not for the other markets of China and Korea, their hotel occupancy could be much worse than they already were, considering that Japanese tourists always comprise some 65 percent of their occupancy.

Across the CNMI, average hotel occupancy has gone far below the healthy industry indicator average of 80 percent in the wake of the March 11 disaster.

Nishikawa, who is also general manager of the plush 323-room Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan, said their April occupancy was 10 to 15 percent lower than last year.

"Before March 11, our occupancy

was okay. After that, it went down. April was the worst month not only for Hyatt but for everybody, especially for the Japan market. But May would be worse than April," Nishikawa said.

Saipan World Resort, a 265-room hotel in Susupe, was enjoying a healthy 94-percent monthly occupancy in January and February this year, a 12-percent increase from the same period last year. But when the Japan tragedy hit, occupancy plunged by 20 percent compared to the previous year.

Michael Anthony Babauta, local sales and marketing manager at Saipan World Resort, said the hotel industry has lost revenues as a result of the impact of the Japan earthquake and tsunami, coupled with increased shipping and fuel costs.

He said Saipan World Resort saw about 30 percent cancellations in March and April as a result of the Japan disaster.

Fiesta Resort & Spa, a 416-room hotel in Garapan, has been experiencing a below 50-percent occupancy the past couple of months. And so is its sister company, the 224-room Saipan Grand Hotel in Susupe.

David M. Sablan, vice chairman of the Asia Pacific Hotels Inc., which owns both Fiesta Resort & Spa and Saipan Grand Hotel, said 2011 could end up as one of the worst occupancy records for all hotels since the birth of the CNMI tourism.

Nishikawa noted that none of the hotels is undertaking major renovations; if anything, work is limited to only repairs as revenues are down.

### Work hour cuts

Because of low occupancy, hotels had no choice but to temporarily reduce some areas of their operations or cut the work hours of their employees and managers.

Nishikawa said at the Hyatt Regency, employees and managers' work hours have been reduced from 40 to 32 hours every week since end-March.

"Everybody understands the situation," he said.

Hyatt Regency was also forced to alternate the closure and opening of its three restaurants. However, in time for the just-concluded Golden Week from April 29 to May 8, they tried to temporarily bring the three restaurants' operations back to normal.

But even this year's Japanese Golden Week is "not so golden" after all, and Hyatt Regency is projecting a 15-percent decrease in occupancy during this holiday compared to last year.

Yamada said Hafa Adai Beach Hotel is also taking a hit from the only four charter flights to the CNMI from

Japan during this year's Golden Week, from 14 last year.

He said long before March 11, some Hafa Adai Beach Hotel employees have been working on a 32-hour basis a week. But after the Japan disaster, many more employees have been covered by the weekly eight-hour cut.

"We only have 98 employees for a 426-room hotel so we can't really cut work hours for everyone," Yamada added.

At Fiesta Resort & Spa and Saipan Grand Hotel, work hours have also been cut to 32, from 40 hours a week since the beginning of the year, Sablan said.

Employees at Aqua Resort Club in Achugao have also seen a 32-hour workweek since February as occupancy plunged.

With limited work hours, Aqua Resort Club wasn't able to participate in the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas—at least last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

Babauta said that at Saipan World Resort, workforce hours also had to be cut but only in "certain areas" of the hotel, and cost-cutting measures needed to be implemented.

"The company is trying not to reduce work hours, so we are doing a lot of cost cutting in all departments, from all the little things—just turning off lights when not in use, minimize use of air cons in certain areas, monitoring our expenditures, etc. and will continue to implement many cost cutting measures, but still we found the need to cut some hours in certain areas," he said.

At Coral Ocean Point in Koblerville, the limited number of employees' work hours remained the same, but some employees' contracts are no longer renewed when they expire unless they are deemed too critical to be left vacant.

### Extreme measures

Smaller hotels implement more extreme austerity measures to remain open amid low occupancy and high cost of doing business.

At the 36-room Sun Palace Hotel in Susupe, for example, the management has been forced to turn off power for at least two hours daily, or from 11:30am to 1:30pm daily, to curb exorbitant power bills that are just too much for a small hotel operation.

Shirley Kim, manager of Sun Palace Hotel, said their April 2011 utility bill was almost \$5,000, which is almost the same as in previous years; only this time, they just have five to nine short-term occupants daily compared to previous years when they had

a lot more clients on any given day.

"Utilities are a major expense. I'd say it's about 70 percent of our monthly expenses—power, water and sewer. It used to be only about 40 percent of our monthly expenses," she said.

Sun Palace Hotel, a non-HANMI member, caters to monthly and short-term occupants, especially those from Rota, Tinian, and Guam.

Yamada, for his part, said Hafa Adai Beach Hotel has been paying some 15 percent more in utility bills because of the increased power rates.

### It could get worse before it gets better

Yamada, Nishikawa, and Sablan separately said they expect arrivals and occupancy to pick up again in July, unless another major disaster strikes.

But Yamada said even if occupancy picks up in the summer months, they don't expect it to be higher than in previous years.

As Nov. 27, 2011, approaches, hotels—just like all other businesses in the CNMI—are on their toes because of federal immigration issues.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has yet to come out with transitional worker regulations for foreign workers in the CNMI at least until the end of the transition period in 2014 or before all foreign workers need to be in federal employment category. Without this transitional worker regulation, many of the foreign workers in the CNMI will become deportable because they won't qualify under federal job visa classifications.

"Without any certainty, it does add a lot of [worries] and concerns to the staff and management. Stress level is at a high now but our [Human Resources] department is working double time to keep the morale up for everyone here at our resort," Babauta said of the Saipan World Resort.

DHS also has yet to issue a final rule on the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. The interim rule "excludes" Russia and China from the list of countries that won't be required to obtain U.S. visas to enter the islands.

Sablan of Fiesta Resort & Spa and Saipan Grand Hotel said the CNMI is "lucky" that DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano used her authority to parole into the CNMI Russian and Chinese tourists so they continue to enjoy a U.S. visa-free travel to the CNMI.

"But the DHS secretary could easily take it back, so we need the waiver to be in the form of regulations," he said.

### Another storm coming

If the hotel industry survives 2011, another storm is on the horizon; this

time from another 50-cent increase in the minimum wage in 2012.

President Barack Obama signed a law last year holding off a 50-cent increase in minimum wage for 2011, but not for 2012 when it will become \$5.55 an hour from the current \$5.05 an hour.

"That's something uncontrollable by hotels," HANMI's Nishikawa said.

Yamada said if it were for him, he would like to have the annual minimum wage increase deferred until the CNMI economy improves again.

Sablan said Fiesta Resort & Spa and Saipan Grand Hotel, just like most of the hotels in the CNMI, have been trying to expand their target markets. For example, instead of catering only to Japan, hotels have also been luring Korean, Russian, Chinese, and other markets so that when unexpected things happen that affect one or two markets, there are still other markets to fill the void.

Sichuan Airlines' charter flights from China to Saipan and Fly Guam's Saipan-Japan charter flights are among the positive things on the horizon for the sagging tourism industry.

But hotels said it would take more than charter flights to boost arrivals. Direct, regular, reliable and fairly-priced flights have been hard to come by in the CNMI.

Babauta said the CNMI has to upgrade its infrastructure to make it a more attractive destination, coupled with increased marketing of the islands.

Hotels have also been giving offering discounts to local residents, whether it's on hotel room rates or at their restaurants to make up for the losses from slow tourist arrivals.

Nishikawa said proposals to boost the CNMI economy are few. Even a proposed casino industry on Saipan could not guarantee economic development, he said.

Sablan said the main ingredients that the CNMI needs to stabilize its economy include a manpower that's well-trained, reduced cost of operating the government at an efficient level, stability of government laws and policies, and doing away with laws that are not business-friendly, including Article 12 restrictions on land ownership.

But despite the slow tourism and the high cost of doing business, hotels have vowed to stick with the CNMI. Nishikawa, for example, said Hyatt Regency is committed to continue serving the CNMI, which has been its home for some 30 years.

"We will stay on this island forever," he said.



## Power outages mar Taste kickoff night

Electrical problems got in the way of the kickoff activities of the much anticipated 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden at the American Memorial Park on Saturday evening.

The power outage initially affected the stage area where the program was being held, causing delays in the staging of cultural presentations by various bands like Natibu Band, Inatua Cultural Dancers, Cab Dancers, Island Warriors, Pacific Flowers, and Nolas Kaliga.

Around 8pm, when power was finally restored to the stage area, the rest of the festival site was plunged into darkness, with a power outage at all food and beer booths. This lasted for

some 30 minutes.

A few minutes after power was restored, it went out again for another 5 minutes.

"Unfortunately, we experienced unanticipated power-related problems at the opening of the Taste of the Marianas," Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune*.

While the power outage caused "some inconvenience" to vendors and patrons, Tenorio said everyone continued with the celebration.

"We were able to identify the cause [of the power-related problems] and should have everything fixed by next week," he added.

Dignitaries led by Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos graced the opening

of the festival around 6pm.

Participating food vendors in this year's celebration are Fiesta Resort & Spa, Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, Hyatt Regency, Pacific Islands Club, Canton Restaurant, Saipan World Resort, Sierra Pearl Shakes, Capricciosa and Tony Roma's, D'Elegance Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Hula Girl/3's, Thai House, Poon's Restaurant, Tropical Chill, and Coral Ocean Point. The beer garden vendors are composed of Pacific Trading Co., MARPAC, and the Northern Marianas Bartenders Association.

This year's festival will be observed with different weekly competitions, the first one being the hotdog-eating contest. (*Clarissa V. David*)

## 'Know who your FBI victim specialist is'

Victim service providers in the CNMI should make sure they know who their FBI victim specialist is, according to the

Federal Bureau of Investigation's Office for Victim Assistance program manager, Rachel L. Jacobson.

Jacobson told *Saipan Tribune* Thursday that victim service providers in the Commonwealth should include the FBI's victim specialist in their operations as the specialist can keep track of cases.

"The victim specialist is like a

liaison between the FBI agent and the victim during the course of the investigation," Jacobson said.

Victim specialists, she said, can provide case updates and make sure that victims have the resources they need.

Jacobson was among the speakers in last week's Human Trafficking Regional Training Conference for the CNMI at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall.

Jacobson said the mission of the FBI's Office for Victim As-

sistance is to ensure that victims of all federal crimes that are being investigated by the FBI are provided their rights under federal laws and the attorney general's victim and witness guidelines.

While they are based in Washington D.C., they also work directly with victim specialists through the FBI's 56 field offices across the country, including the CNMI and Guam.

Jacobson said the position for a victim specialist at the FBI's Honolulu Division is vacant right now, but they are hiring to fill up the position.



Jacobson

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WATER TASK FORCE RFP11-GOV- 077



### Leak Detection and Repairs – Phase 4

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified consulting and/or construction firms for the field survey, identification, and repair of water system deficiencies in the Garapan Tourist Center, Garapan and surrounding areas. The selected firm(s) shall use specialized leak detection methods in conjunction with on call construction services and information from the recently completed Lower MIHA and Chalan Kanoa/Susupe Leak Detection and Repair Contracts on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, on or after **May 2, 2011**.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **May 13, 2011** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce and the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from EDA and OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Four (4) copies plus one original of the sealed Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than **2:00 p.m., (CNMI local time), on June 1, 2011**.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Leak Detection and Repairs – Phase 4, RFP11-GOV-077**". For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **2:00 p.m., (CNMI local time), on June 1, 2011**. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **2:00 p.m., (CNMI local time), on June 1, 2011**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or email [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 1, 2011 AND** must be received no later than **June 10, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interests of the CNMI. All Proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial  
Governor, CNMI

/s/ Herman S. Sablan  
Director, Procurement & Supply



## CHARTER DAY'S SPECIAL AWARDEE

# Surprise recognition for interim president Cabrera

» **'For serving NMC at its greatest hour of need'**

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College honored its interim president, Lorraine T. Cabrera, with a special recognition on Friday

for serving the institution "at its greatest hour of need."

NMC liaison officer Galvin Deleon Guerrero disclosed that when the recognitions committee met to consider the awardees who will be honored at this year's Charter Day celebrations, it realized that an award category does not exist for someone who clearly deserves to be recognized.

It only has awards for staff of the year, supervisor of the year, instructional and non-instructional staff of the year, alumni of the year, and student of the year.

"This individual agreed to serve the college at its greatest hour of need. In the middle of turbulent waters marked by leadership turnovers, accreditation challenges, and financial difficulties, she has

brought stability for the college and kept NMC afloat and sailing forward. It is no understatement to say that NMC would not be where it is today without her leadership," said Deleon Guerrero.

Cabrera, surprised upon hearing her name called, was emotional when she accepted the award Friday noon.

"I am shocked! I really don't know what to say...but I want to say that all I do is for NMC. I love the college, I am a daughter of this institution, and my heart will always be with NMC," she later told *Saipan Tribune*.

Cabrera has been the college's interim president since January 2010 when then-president Carmen Fernandez was suspended

and later terminated. The college's accreditation was then placed on show cause status in February and it is still striving for reaffirmation to date.

Earlier, at the opening ceremony for the Charter Day celebration, Cabrera reiterated the college's commitment to reaffirm its accreditation: "We live in hope and I believe we will prevail."

Cabrera has been with NMC in different capacities since the 1980s as a student, teacher, and leader.

According to Deleon Guerrero, Cabrera started out at NMC in 1991 as a coordinator and instructor for NMC's learning center. She taught as a behavioral and social science instructor

from 1992 to 1994.

After a brief stint as HIV/AIDS program manager at the Commonwealth Health Center, she returned to teach at NMC in 1996.

From 1996 to 2001, she served as the college educational talent search counselor and eventually became its director through 2005. That was also the year when Cabrera became program director for the Adult Basic Education program.

The interim president has also served and led dozens of committees and task forces in the college as well as advised numerous groups, including accreditation teams, tutoring clubs, and the staff senate president.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Northern Marianas College interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, second from right, is all smiles after accepting a special award during Friday's 30th NMC Charter Day celebration at the As Terlaje campus.

## Ex-convict allegedly harasses sister's family

An ex-convict who was arrested in November 2010 for allegedly threatening to kill his sister's family members was apprehended again last week for harassing the same victims.

David B. Roberto was taken to the Superior Court on Friday for a bail hearing on charges of contempt of court and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$2,500 cash. Preliminary hearing is on May 11, 2011, at 9am.

Detective Sean White stated in his report that he arrested Roberto in November 2010 for allegedly violating a court order that ordered him to stay away from his sister and her family.

Five months later, on April 19, 2010, the daughter-in-law of Roberto's sister filed a disturbing the peace complaint against the suspect. The victim said she was parked at her husband's family compound by Airport Road to pick up her children

from their aunt when Roberto drove by and gestured as if he was shooting her.

On May 5, 2011, the victim's father-in-law was loading his grandchildren in his car when Roberto pulled over in a truck and yelled at him.

In November 2010, the court sentenced Roberto to six months in prison, all suspended except for 14 days, for possession of a controlled substance. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-020

#### LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Administration and Operation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The specification may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-020, Lease of Office Space CUC's Administration and Operation"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (CST) local time on **May 19, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on **May 9, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Purchasing Officer via email [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net); Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email [charles\\_warren@cucgov.net](mailto:charles_warren@cucgov.net) and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net). CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-025

#### LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR POWER DIVISION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The specification may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-025, Lease of Office Space, Power Division, T&D"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (ChST) local time on **May 20, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) local time on May 9, 2011** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net); Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email [charles\\_warren@cucgov.net](mailto:charles_warren@cucgov.net) and Ms. Janina Muna, CUC Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net). CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BID CUC-IFB-11-033

#### CONSTRUCTION OF PRE-FABRICATED WAREHOUSE BUILDING

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced construction firms for the construction of CUC Pre-Supplied Building in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The general work requirement includes the construction of foundation and assembly of pre-supplied/fabricated metal building structure.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-033, Construction of Warehouse Building, CUC Rota" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 02, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net). Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A pre-bid conference, followed by a site visit, will be held on **Monday May 16, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Administration Office in Sinapalo II, Rota.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current Federal minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 20, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net) with a copy to Ms. Sherri Hadley, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email [sherri\\_hadley@cucgov.net](mailto:sherri_hadley@cucgov.net); Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota - [charles@cucgov.net](mailto:charles@cucgov.net) and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the Invitation for Bids in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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### INVITATION FOR BID CUC-IFB-11-035

#### SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Security Guard Services for various posts at CUC, Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Services may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

Contractors must provide proof of "Indemnity Liability Insurance," specifically covering security workers assigned to CUC's compound. Coverage must be a minimum of \$200,000.00.

Bidders shall provide a certification signed by a principle of the company stating that the company is currently in full compliance with all applicable CNMI and Federal Labor Laws and has been for the past Five (5) years. Should the company be unable to provide such certification, the company must provide a written explanation as to why, including a description of any violations of such CNMI and Federal labor laws and remedial action taken. Failure of the company to provide the certification or explanation is grounds to reject the entire bid.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-035, Security Guard Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 26, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (ChST)** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net). Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

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Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the Invitation for Bids must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), on May 16, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net) with a copy to Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer- [charles\\_warren@cucgov.net](mailto:charles_warren@cucgov.net) and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply - [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defect in said bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so is in the best interest of the CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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# Congressional oversight hearing on gas price hikes sought

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REPORTER

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan joined eight other members of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee in asking for a congressional oversight hearing on recent gas price increases which, in the CNMI alone, have pushed prices anywhere from \$4.859 to \$6.60 a gallon.

"We want to make sure that the increases are solely the result of market forces, not speculative manipulation," Sablan said.

Pump prices in the CNMI, where the minimum wage is \$5.05 an hour, are among the highest in the U.S. and its territories.

"This is particularly hard on

farmers and the transportation industry, but individual consumers—in the Northern Mariana Islands and all through our nation—are all feeling the pain of higher gas prices," he said.

Sablan and eight of his colleagues wrote a May 3 letter to Agriculture Committee chair Frank D. Lucas (R-Oklahoma) and Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management chair K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas).

They said oil prices have risen by at least 25 percent in the last four months, and that summer could bring even higher prices.

"Given the increase in energy prices and continued concern about speculation in energy markets, we believe it is ap-

propriate and imperative that our Committee conduct its own hearing into energy prices and bring in representatives from the CFTC [Commodity Futures Trading Commission] and the Department of Energy who can give us their views regarding what is occurring in the energy markets," the nine members said.

Besides Sablan, the others who asked for an oversight hearing were Reps. Leonard L. Boswell (D-Iowa), Peter Welch, Tim Walz (D-Minnesota), Terri Sewell (D-Alabama), James McGovern (D-Massachusetts), Bill Owens (D-New York), Joe Courtney (D-Connecticut) and Larry Kissell (D-North Carolina).

The Agriculture Committee,

where Sablan is a member, has jurisdiction over the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and has held hearings on fuel prices in the past.

Saipan motorists said since they cannot do something about the steady increase in gas prices, they are just either cutting back on their other expenses such as food and utility or limit the use of their vehicles. But they have also called on the government to "do something" about the gas prices.

The latest round of price increases from Mobil Oil Marianas and Shell Marianas on Thursday and Friday came barely a week after another 10-cent increase on April 28 as the crisis in Middle East and North Africa rages on.

## Fitial's ex-masseuse discharged from supervised release

The federal court on Friday granted the recommendation of the U.S. Probation Office to discharge Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's former masseuse, Qingmei Cheng, from supervised release.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood also ordered that proceedings in Cheng's case be terminated.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola notified the court last week that Cheng's supervised release expired on March 23, 2011, and that she has complied with all conditions.

The controversial masseuse pleaded guilty in March 2010 to a count of aiding and abetting a person to illegally enter Guam. She was sentenced

to time served, 36 days, and placed on one year of supervised release, with a \$10 fine.

According to the prosecution, Cheng acted as the interpreter when an immigration agent, posing as a boat captain, met with the 23 Chinese nationals who were allegedly planning to sneak into Guam.

Cheng became controversial when she was temporarily released from her cell at the Department of Corrections to provide massage therapy to Fitial at his residence in Gualo Rai on Jan. 8, 2010.

In February 2011, Fitial disclosed that he has a new masseuse for his lingering back pain, after Cheng married a Chinese man from New York and left the island. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## New members of 17th FSM Congress undergoes orientation

**PALIKIR, POHNPEI**—The Office of the Speaker, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme launched Wednesday last week a two-day FSM Congress Orientation Seminar for elected members of the 17th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Speaker Isaac V. Figir said that Congress has long felt the need to "ease the learning curve of the work of Congress for the new members."

"It has been my observa-

tion throughout the years that it takes a while for new members to become familiar with this institution," Gigir said. "The goal of the seminar is to remedy the knowledge gap through a structured orientation and to provide a forum for members to share their experiences and expertise."

A first of its kind for the Congress, the FSM Congress Members Orientation Seminar is an initiative of Figir. The seminar is the culmination of a partnership with UNDP that began in 2007, when FSM requested UNDP to

undertake a Legislative Needs Assessment study for the FSM Congress and the four state legislatures. Following UNDP's presentation of the LNA's findings in 2010, members of the 16th Congress agreed to run an induction seminar and asked UNDP to facilitate.

Brian Lenga, UNDP governance analyst, said that "UNDP regards the role of Congress as absolutely critical to effective democratic governance process and nation-building. The seminar provides an opportunity for members to share ideas as national leaders and discuss procedural, oversight and legislative processes of the Congress. UNDP supports Parliaments in several Pacific islands countries and FSM Congress is one of them."

The agenda for the two-day orientation seminar covered a range of topics agreed upon by Congress and UNDP. International facilitators also supported the workshop: Dr. Robert Underwood, president of the University of Guam and former delegate to the U.S. Congress; Charmaine Rodrigues, UNDP

regional legislative strengthening adviser; and Lenga.

With the FSM Constitution as a guidepost, first day of the seminar covered issues such as the separation of powers between the Congress, Executive Branch and Judiciary, the relationship between the national Congress and the states and leadership and ethics. The seminar also discussed members of Congress as leaders of national development, as representatives of communities, and as representatives of states in the context of the overall importance of strengthening the sense of nationhood in FSM.

Day two of the seminar focused on more technical issues, such as the lawmaking process, the budget process, and the effective use of committees for oversight. The seminar will also provide members with information about support available from UNDP, as well as assistance from other bodies on issues such as population and development.

The FSM Congress Members Orientation Seminar ended on May 5, 2011. (*PR*)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 9, 2000

### GTE-Bell merger plan to protect CNMI

Telecommunications use in the Northern Marianas has been guaranteed to remain at an affordable level despite the proposed merger of United States telephone giants GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation. This, as the telephone companies, collectively known as GTE/Bell, modified their proposed merger plan that now awaits action from the Federal Communications Commission. The adjusted merger plan would extend important regulatory safeguards to the Northern Marianas. The plan was modified following a petition filed by with the FCC by the CNMI government.

### Teno says no to proposal to create PCB task force

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has nixed a proposal by the Legislature to create a local task force to look into the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in Tanapag, saying that issues surrounding the problem are currently being addressed by his administration. But he invited representatives from each chamber to work closely with a local working group tasked with responding to its adverse impact on public health and environment to get lawmakers' input and recommendations. The group comprises the Department of Public Health, the Division of Environmental Quality and community representatives of Tanapag, which work hand in hand with federal agencies.

May 9, 2001

### NMIRF warned against hiring of auditing firm

Legislators yesterday warned the NMI Retirement Fund to suspend hiring of an off-island review firm until the House of Representatives completes its study on the proposed transfer of the Group Health and Life Insurance Program to the Office of the Governor. House Committee on Health and Welfare Chair Malua Peter yesterday said the Retirement Fund was able to source out initial funds to set up a utilization review board that will oversee GHLIP operations. In an interview with reporters, Ms. Peter said Fund officials should defer the proposed establishment of the review board until the Legislature decides on a measure introduced by Rep. William S. Torres.

### Payment underway for teacher aides

The Public School System has assured that compensation is underway for 15 Kagman Elementary School teacher assistants who missed a week's worth of wages when an emergency school time-out was ordered last week. Board of Education Capital Improvement Projects Chair Roman Benavente made the assurance amid clamors from the teacher aides, citing that factors which led to the temporarily closure of Kagman school where beyond their control. "I asked the Commissioner and I already discussed this with CIP, and the teacher aides are going to be compensated for the basic reason that the class interruption was caused by emergency factors. They will be paid the same amount that they receive on regular basis," said Mr. Benavente, in an interview.


May 9, 2002

### SNILD passes \$1.08M supplemental budget

A bill that appropriates \$1.08 million from fees collected under Saipan Local Law 11-2 now goes to Gov. Juan N. Babauta after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative delegation passed the bill during yesterday's session. The measure was intended to supplement the budget of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council and for the renovation and improvement of the Honorable Pedro P. Nakatsukasa Building. It allocates \$120,000 for the operational cost of the municipal council and the renovation of the Nakatsukasa Building. It also set aside \$600,000 for the Street Naming Commission so it could go about its business of naming the streets of Saipan.

### Rota, Tinian oppose increase in user fee

A move to impose an additional 1.3 percent local user fee on top of the existing user fee being levied on goods that are exported from the CNMI has ran into a brick wall. This comes soon after both chairmen of the Rota and Tinian legislative delegations notified House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider that House Local Bill 13-025 is not a local matter that may be subject of laws enacted by members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. In a letter to the House Speaker, Rota Delegation Chair Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig and Tinian Delegation Chair Joaquin G. Adriano cited provisions in the Local Law Act of 1983 in notifying Hofschneider about the delegation's lack of authority to solely act on the measure.



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/s/ RITA C. CHONG-DELA CRUZ  
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/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane  
Board Chairwoman  
& Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
Division of Procurement & Supply



# NMC's 30th Charter Day

Photos by Moneth G. Deposa



NMC's Charter Day celebration on Friday saw the involvement of other government agencies like the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., which exhibited important information about the island's water quality and other information.



Members of the Army Reserve and their officer are seen among the participants in the 30th NMC Charter Day festivities. They provided students and community members with information about military programs.



Students encourage spectators to visit their colorful booths in the festival ground.

Bags, toys, and other colorful accessories and products were among the attractions during Friday's celebration at the NMC campus.



Besides informational booths and entertainment, the NMC Charter Day festivities also featured various food offerings by festival vendors.



The PROA Music Society sing during the opening ceremonies of the 30th NMC Charter Day festivities at the As Terlaje campus Friday noon.



The contenders of this year's hot pepper eating contest try to win the race during Friday's competition.



# Opinion

Hafa Adai!

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## Bringing down bin Laden

It's been called the Rodney Dangerfield branch of government. But after "getting" Osama bin Laden, the Department of Homeland Security deserves a little respect.

Yes, it seems as if everyone has a "you're not going to believe this" story about navigating TSA's airport checkpoints. The border seems as porous as ever; people roll their eyes when you mention immigration. Yet the success of the bin Laden mission shows that the Department of Homeland Security has become an important force in combating terrorism. Before 9/11, every aspect of homeland security that the department does today was done by some federal agency. That contributed to the problem.

Washington looked like a Rube Goldberg contraption, with almost every office doing some little piece of the job, at times clueless and indifferent to what others were up to.

In fact, part of the reason we didn't prevent 9/11 was because we were so unprepared, not because bin Laden was such a terrorist mastermind.

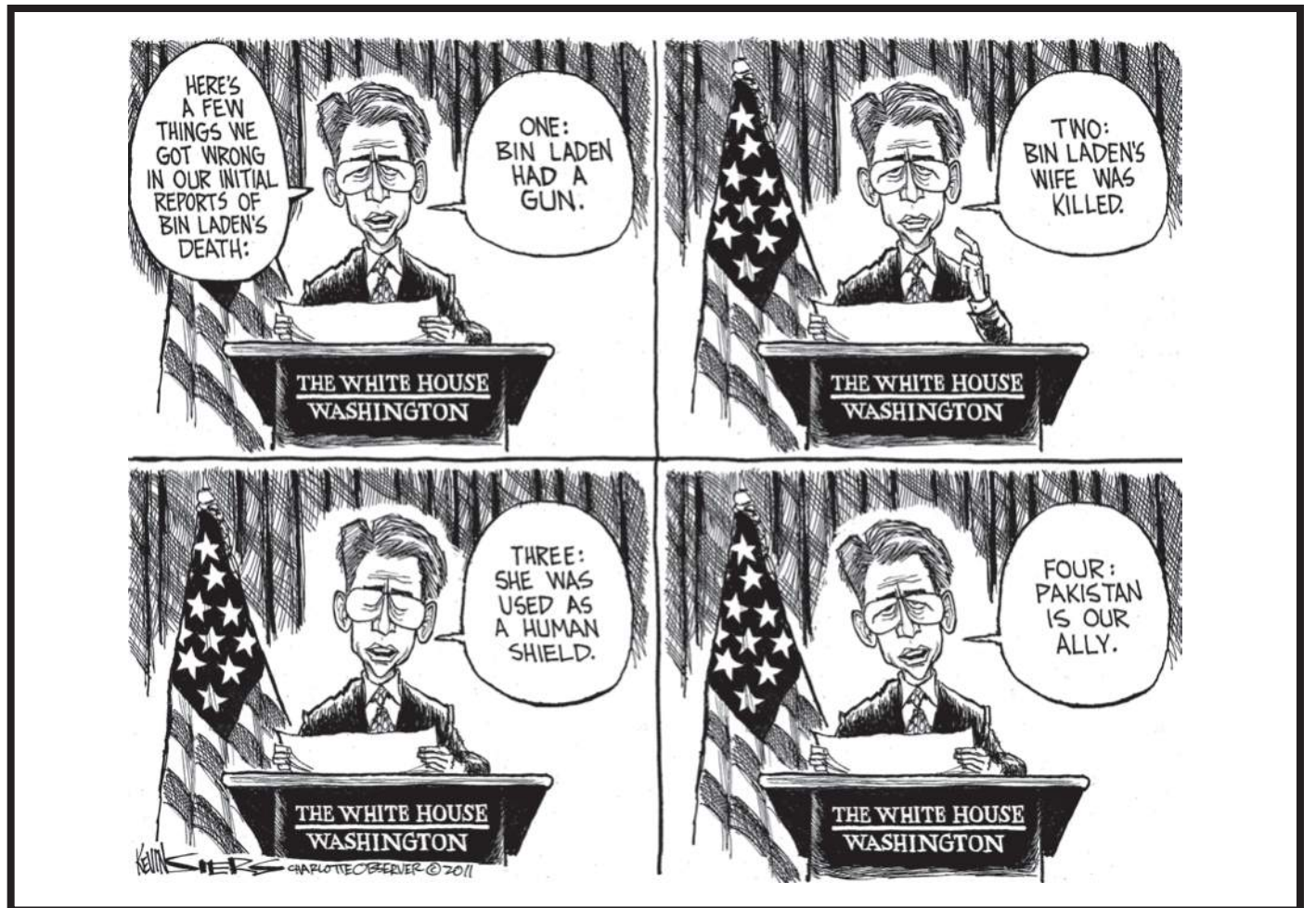
After all, the last time Washington had seriously "rethought" how to deal with security at home was 1941, when the FBI received the authority to lead domestic "national security" investigations.

As the 9/11 Commission pointed out in the aftermath of the attacks, government had not kept up with the threat. Enter Homeland Security. Job one in the wake of 9/11 was herding all the cats into one department. Job two was organizing them. Little observed is how much progress has been made in the second task. The Department of Homeland Security provided critical information that helped nail David Headley, an American who undertook missions for foreign terrorists. He pled guilty for his role in the 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks and was charged with planning an assassination in Denmark of the Mohammed cartoonist. Information that led to his capture and prosecution came from Homeland Security.

Najibullah Zazi pled guilty to plotting to bomb the New York subways—attacks that were stopped only hours or days before they were set to go off. Homeland Security provided information that proved Zazi belonged to a terrorist network and was a threat that should be taken seriously. The department was right. And it was Homeland Security, not the FBI, that apprehended the would-be Times Square bomber, Faisal Shahzad, before he fled the country.

There's more. There have been at least 38 terrorists plots aimed at the United States since 9/11. Homeland Security played a role in thwarting, investigating or apprehending suspects in many of these cases. Every day, the department combats "terrorist travel"—preventing bad people from getting on planes to come to the United States, or turning back suspicious characters at points of entry such as airports, sea ports and land crossings from Canada and the United States.

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## Everything happens because of 'I' in me

Thank you for letting me share a few minutes with you this morning. Let's talk about the "I" that is in all of us. We use this word more often than any other word daily. "I" this, or "I" that. Think about how much we know about the "I" in us.

Socrates, the great Greek philosopher, said: "The unexamined life is not worth living." Let's see what he meant by that. Be honest with ourselves as I pose several questions. They are our answers. We can keep them to ourselves or share them with others. But see if we can improve on the answers.

Our "I" is the center of our personal universe. So let's examine this universe:

1. Do I ever examine where I am today and want to be tomorrow? Do I make frequent evaluations?
2. What am I doing to improve myself? Am I reading anything—books, magazines, newspapers?
3. Am I increasing my vocabulary? How many new vocabulary words have I added to my speech this past year?
4. Am I currently studying anything?
5. Do I have pride in myself? Do I have pride in my work? Am I passionate about it?
6. Am I curious about what is happening in my company or office? Do I ask questions?
7. Do I fully understand my company's organization and how my role fits in?
8. Am I trying to do better tomorrow what I do well today? Or am I repeating myself each year over and over again?
9. Have I learned how to learn?
10. Am I focused on my goals? Do I have goals? What are they?

These are only a few of the things we should be discussing with ourselves. If we don't know who we are how can we know others?

So why am I discussing this subject this morning? No, I am not trying to spoil your morning. But I am trying to get us to realize that if we wish to obtain a better job with better pay or improve our community, we have to examine the "I" and make self-improvements.

Let me repeat: All change starts with "I" with a purpose and is seeking a desired result! What is my purpose and what results do I wish to achieve? Unless I know that, I will not grow in my job or profession.

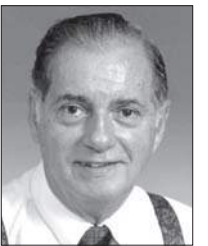
The journey begins with "I." Stay with me as we probe deeper.

Do I like myself? If yes, why? If not, why not? What must I do to like myself? Do I know who I am? Do I need to be liked? Why do I want to have friends and be likeable? To what extent do I wish to be liked? Simply put, do I have a high esteem of myself or a low esteem of myself?

This morning how many decisions did I make since I awoke? I made many more than I realize. For example I decided what time to wake up. Then I decided how to prepare myself this morning. I decided to brush or not to brush my teeth and comb or not comb my hair. I decided to shave, if a man; I decided to put makeup on and how much and what type. I decided what to eat for breakfast and how much and what to drink—whether coffee, milk, tea, water, juice. I also decided what to wear this morning and how I will look.

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On and on I keep making decisions. They are both major and minor decisions, but they make up who I am.

This is who I am—a bundle of decisions constantly being made by me. Therefore how can I not want to know who the "I" is? When I do, I will finally realize that I control my universe.

All that we are discussing here today will require changes of *action* on my part. The type of *action* and the consistency of the *action* will determine the results of the changes I wish to make.

Why aren't I making more money? Why don't I have a better job? Why wasn't I selected for the promotion? When was the last time "I" talked to me and questioned why I am not happy and improving in life?

Let me share some thoughts from one of the most influential books ever written on how to improve ourselves. Get a copy of Dale Carnegie's book *How to Win Friends and Influence People* written in 1937, and still the number one bestseller!

Here are three fundamental techniques in relating to people:

1. Don't criticize, condemn or complain. If I do, make sure it is to help and not to hurt.
2. Give honest and sincere appreciation. It is like sugar—the taste is sweet and lingers.
3. Arouse in the other person an eager want. This is the secret to real leadership.

Here are six ways to make people like me:

1. Become genuinely interested in other people. They have fascinating stories and personalities.
2. Smile! Smile! SMILE! It won't cost me a cent but it will buy me good feelings.
3. Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language.
4. Be a good listener. Encourage others to talk about themselves.
5. Talk in terms of the other person's interests. It will create a bridge between me and the other person.
6. Make the other person feel important—and do it sincerely. We all need that feeling.

These are only a sample of the wisdom that we will find in Dale Carnegie's book *How To Win Friends and Influence People*. As we master them, we will truly become a successful human being and an outstanding leader. By reading this book, we will discover new wealth in ourselves.

When I ask people, "When was the last time you hugged yourself?"

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# Pedagogy obsessed to impress

My father pulled me out of sixth grade before the end of the term so I can join him in a summer program elsewhere to finish his BA degree before proceeding to graduate school. I was delighted to be off school early, travel to another place I had not been before, and meet kin and other relations for the first time. I was 10 and I had a summer of discovery, an endless bout of learning moments.

I remember this because immediately after, my father took a boat trip to San Francisco, and the rest of the family headed for my mother's home ground in Ilocandia. The "loss" of Papa for a projected three years (turned out to be six) made me lose my childhood privileges. The eldest boy in the family, by default I became the man of the house. The loss of innocence was supposed to be tempered by the fact that in my absence, I was awarded one of the top five slots in my graduating class.

I trailed my older sister to school half a decade after WWII. Sis conveniently "enrolled" me in Grade 1, thus I got to school two years earlier than my peers. My first grade teacher would not have me back a year later since she claimed I passed her course (I memorized and could recite without being able to read the Pepe and Pilar text) so I moved to the next grade, and henceforth, the runt of the litter. My younger brother went to school at the prescribed age and was a consistent top-of-the-class gainer. I did not have much bragging rights in the honors department.

No other honors were achieved after sixth grade. One of my daughters once said she was like her father, have five classes at the University, do "A's" on four and flunk the fifth! She and I never *magna* or *summa* anything. Another daughter refused to be sent to college, but labored through community college while tending to a family. She finished with flying colors, academically sealed, but more importantly, she bettered her own record and expectation, not the test scores of others; she can

write her own ticket to productive employment.

We belabor this point because the teaching profession is riddled with the notion that to earn some educational certification is to be ahead of the pack. Administrators and parents constantly demand that we train learners to be impressively certificated, which is to say, do well in standardized tests ahead of the pack.

We are always trying to best somebody else: Kennedy wanted to catch up and surpass the Russians after Sputnik, and American education, including the current attempt to refund the No Child Left Behind Act, is marketed on the rationale that the proposed changes will trump somebody else on any given field (Obama: the U.S. regain its pole position as the best educational system in the world). Pedagogy's obsession to impress is way ahead of the pedagogy of authentic learning!

Passing out grades at San Vicente Elementary School was a quarterly ritual of hearing parents' attempts to convince their children to attain the Commissioner's or the Principal's award at the end of the term.

We trained Social Security benefactors in WorkHawaii once. The workforce training ensured that we prepare impressive resumés with and for the trainees, never mind congruence with requisite knowledge, skills, and attitude. We learned HR words that would trigger a computer's first scan, getting a prospective employee a shot at an interview. Given that employers practically get a three-to-six months freebie on an employee, the track record was high on employment with an equal record of non-renewal at the end of the subsidized employ.

With a broader variation of form in the certification game, the same is practiced in China, Korea, and Japan. The school systems are geared toward passing standardized tests with a high suicide rate of those who fail to pass after "trying so very hard." Failure is deemed a monumental "loss of face" for test takers and their family's reputation, an integral feature of the filial loyalty ingrained in the culture,

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and we are courting disaster.

The pedagogy of test taking requires a lot of memory work, the practice of mimicking the teacher's "right answers" to the prescribed text questions.

In my Oral English class, students can write impressive bookish sentences (I'm familiar with the terrain); they read without necessarily understanding. Get them in a structured conversation to string a simple sentence about an event they recall within a week, and the class turns into an exercise of pulling teeth. I suspect my students expected a class about Oral English where they can memorize facts and learn abstract terms; they are getting one where they need to scour their brains for basic English words they already know (see, hear, smell, touch, and taste) to express their Sino thought patterns. Cognition on one's feet requires sweat equity.

TG it is the onset of summer, for a lot of sweating is happening in Mr. Hemingwei's class this year. We've set up learning moments.

Mayhap, BoE and PSS curriculum might have tea (and beer) around the table, e.g., between Garrison and Yangetmai, so that the conversation is about student learning rather than teachers' certification and school plant budgets. Nah!

# Antau na finu' mañaina

I man-amko'ta hagas mafagosgue i ta pokakate na chalan pagu. Ayo mina motmut pinasensia yan tinemtum gi mapesan uson palabra piot 'nai mattu gi inapagat famaguon niha. Maseha malalalade hau, i pineduñg finu' amku ninae' hau kampu para un' fan hassu ya un' areglan maisa manu 'nai lotgun hau.

'Nai un' admite linachimu ya mumisen lagomu, umihot si nana ya sige ha ulus apagamu pot para un' nina' ma'agim mas. Mafattu siempre mahalañgmui giya guiya 'nai esta taigue ya finagchae' hau otru didog na chinatsaga.

Ta arastreha tatte i man-mames siha na kosehu pot para ta repasa i man-mañgena akosenhun man-amko'ta. Sige ta kula i to'a na finu niha ya ta tatiye sa' motmut man-fitme na konsehu siha. Hita pagu kumatga obligasion inestablesen familiata mismu.

Gi silensiu na patte gi dispues de minachum atdau 'nai hu hahasu finu' niha, kantan antes yan grasiosu na chaleg siha ni huhuñgog misu. Magahet na sumen bali umekuñgog finu' amku ya solu malofan hau guihe na fina' tadoñg halom tanu' 'nai siña un' agradesce finu' niha.

## Liñguahen Natibu

I liñguahen Chamorro u faliñgu un' dia. Ya ti namatman yangin magahet na rinimulinu huyuñg gi un' sague' ma'tin tase ya ma'tiñg mayotmente ginen hila'ta.

Deste kiñientos años antes, fuetsau i Españot ha punu' i liñguahita pot para ta fan finu' niha. Estague lokue' bidaña i Haliman, Japones yan pagu, Amerikanu.

Gai tineug' este na asunto ya makat ta pula' dibuenamente soluke

guaha fotmat na dinaña para ta diskute seriosamente hafa disposisionta. I finu Chamorro kulan finu Latin ni adumididi' matai pot chadegña uson finu liñglis gi halom gima'ta. De dios mihu!

Lau gaige futuron liñguahita giya hita mismu. Yangin man-satton hit, pues kulan un' pechon pajaro: sotta ya u mamta pot para u adotna mapagahes iya paraisu. Hu diseseha na tita sogne otru tautau 'nai maliñgu dispues i uson liñguahita.

## Liñguahen motmut respetu

I antau na finu' Chamorro to'a (mature) yan motmut konsiderasion gi uson pasifku na palabras siha. Mas este na uson liñguahe oppan gi konbetsasion mañainata. Masen tuñgu' rumipara yan humoka i man-sañgan kau pot kobransa 'sino finaisen fabot.

Pot ihemplo: Un' tiempo un' ayau si kumairemu lamegai na salape' pot nesessidat. 'Nai mattu oran chinatsagamu, un' bisita pot un' sen nesessita keblemu. Un' bisita gi gima'ña pot este na asuntu.

In' tutuhon konbetsasion miyu gi man-grasiosu siha na sinisede 'nai duru i chaleg. Kulan parehu hamyu in' lalasa minamahlau miyu parake siña in' sañgan dispues hafa sessu finatomu. Dispues de felisitasion, un' mente na gai chinatsaga lahimu umapase atkilon i gima' 'nai sumasaga. Sige talu mona i konbetsasion.

Gigon ilegmui na para un' dispensan maisa hau, ilegña si kumairemu, "Un' ratutu ha' fan kumaire". Ha chule' i salape' ya ninae' hau yan motmut na agradesimientu pot un' kubregue' gi oran nesessidatña. Umanae' hamyu bien felisitation dispues humanau para iya siha.

Estague' na eskalera dipotsihe 'nai gaige i to'a and antau na uson liñguahen Chamorro.

many new and exciting doors.

In closing, remember that my bad decisions are responsible for 95 percent of all my failures. Check out the "I" in us and make adjustments.

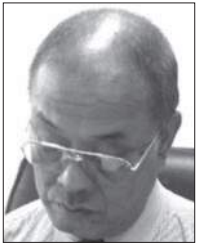
Love what I do and do what I love. This is the only true path to happiness. My motto must be: "I will do better tomorrow what I do well today!"

Please understand I am not trying to preach to you or think that I know better than you. But we must fully realize we are what we are because we make the decisions that shape our life.

I truly believe that each of us has greater potential in us than we realize. There is untapped strength and wisdom, but we must put them into use. I am willing to meet with any of you and discuss this further if you need help. Call me at 287-0831 or at NMTI at 235-6684. No more excuses! Let's do it!

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts with you this morning. May God bless and keep you safe, healthy and happy.

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**  
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## Lastima Si Neni

Megai kanta 'sino sunidu man-matuge' pot finapos inaguaiyan dos tautau. Man-masañgan todou pot pininite sa' esta si neni ti man-guaiya. Ai esta na'lastima 'an ta huhñgog pot mames korason i prohimia ni mana' bocha todus sa' mapatmadasu pot e'guria.

Kulan mohon ni nahoñg insuttu. Mayute' dispues matugi'e kantaña kulan mohon guiya i prohimia man-isague. Hu konsidedera kau este siha na kanta siha man-matuge' dispues 'sino antes de dibutsiu? Ta sa-sañgan dibuenamente pot no u fa' bisiu si pindehu madibutsia pot para u fañge' talu otru kanta. Ai agon, kulan ositan este lau sumen saññge pañgpañña i man-sañgan yan i masusede. Ai lastima si neni sa' doble magarutasu sin presisu.

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Much of the most important work occurs out of sight of everyday Americans. It has little to do with the kind of stuff dramatized on the TV show "24." And, most importantly, it gets done without ripping up the Constitution and treating our individual liberties like a speed bump in the race to find terrorists.

While many "advocates" cry like Chicken Little about the loss of freedom from the War on Terror, their criticisms lack both proportionality and credibility. During the Civil War, and World Wars I and II, government did illegally impinge on civil liberties, and on a large scale. But not in this one. Homeland Security's sins are not attacks on liberty. Mostly they are attacks on common sense. A good example is the recently (and rightly scrapped) color-coded alert system, which did little but provide fodder for late-night comedians.

Frustration with dumb security measures is understandable. But we shouldn't forget the solid counterterrorism work that helped keep bin Laden and his plots at bay—until the SEALs could put a well-deserved end to his career in terror.

# EVERYTHING

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They laugh and think I am crazy. But think about it. We hug our wives, husbands, children, relatives, pets, friends everyday. Why? To show that we love them.

When was the last time you hugged yourself and told yourself that you love yourself? How can you love others if you don't love yourself? Love emanates from "I" than to others. Think about it.

Do this now! Put your arms around yourself in an embrace and repeat loudly three times: "I like me!" Go ahead do it. You will feel great. This does not mean I have a swollen head, but a genuine love for myself which I want to share with others.






Today I am trying to remind us of what we have to do to gain advancement in our lives. The path to greater achievement lies within us. Our attitude is the key. If we use the key of proper attitude, it will open



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼81
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲83 ▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86 ▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼79
Majuro	Showers	▲84 ▼76

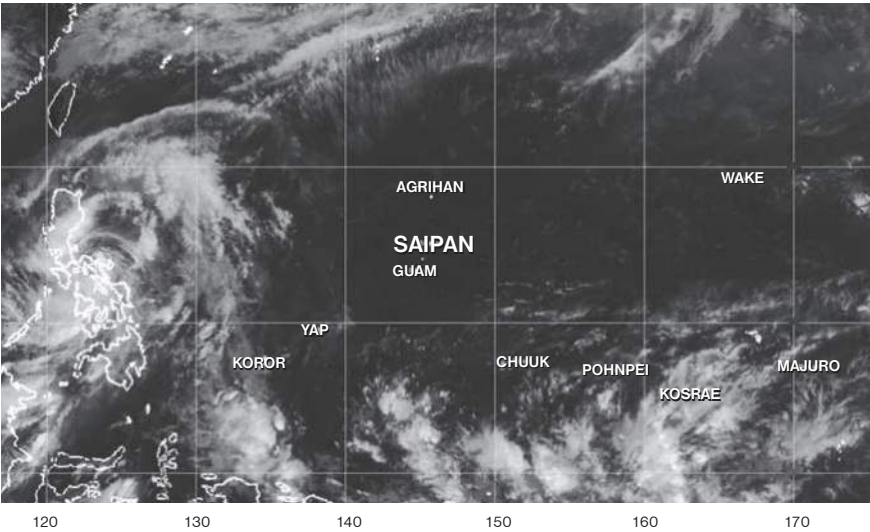
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲66 ▼58
Beijing	Showers	▲78 ▼59
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼78
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼53
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼52
Manila	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼81
Melbourne	Sunny	▲56 ▼46
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼73
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲71 ▼53
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼64
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲77 ▼55
Pusan	Showers	▲69 ▼63
Rome	Sunny	▲74 ▼54
Salem	Showers	▲57 ▼44
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼48
Seoul	Rain	▲65 ▼59
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲68 ▼61
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼53

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:33 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
6:03 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	
10:28 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
6:03 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends southeastward from the Central Philippines through 6N130E to end just southwest of Koror at 5N132. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found east of the surface trough well north of Koror, west of a line from 13N136E to 21N131E. A near-equatorial stretches eastward from 2N130E through a weak circulation centered well southwest of Chuuk near 2N146E to end at EQ161E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the near-equatorial trough south of Koror or south of a line from 8N130E to 5N138E. Similar conditions also exist south of Chuuk and Pohnpei between the equator and 6N from 141E to 158E. Converging winds near the eastern end of the near-equatorial trough are generating numerous to scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Pingelap and Kosrae within 215 miles of a line from EQ160E to 8N167E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers over Tarawa and Butaritari atolls within 105 miles of a line from 1N167E to 4N180 and also just south of Majuro within 50 miles of a line from 6N170E to 7N180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Wednesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:37 AM	11:42 PM
Tuesday	11:33 AM	
Wednesday	12:30 PM	12:28 AM
Thursday	1:26 PM	1:12 AM
Friday	2:23 PM	1:56 AM

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<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b> DL287 6:00am 8:45am Daily, Departs at 6:05am effective June 1 DL285 6:40am 9:15am 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 DL297 4:35pm 7:20pm Daily	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b> DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL286 7:45pm 12:20am+1 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 DL288 8:05pm 12:35am+1 Daily, Arrives at 12:45am effective June 1, 2011
<b>SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)</b> OZ119 4:00am 6:40am Daily	<b>OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN</b> OZ120 9:50am 2:20am+1 Daily
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b> OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 4, 5, 7	<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b> OZ607 9:10pm 2:20am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b> OZ606 2:10am 6:00am 1 OZ606 2:40am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ604 3:20pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7 OZ119 4:00am 11:25am Daily via KIX	<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b> OZ603 9:00am 2:20pm 2, 4, 6, 7 OZ120 7:10pm 2:20am+1 Daily via KIX OZ605 7:40pm 1:00am+1 1, 7 OZ605 8:10pm 1:30am+1 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b> FM844 2:50am 5:40am 2, 6	<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b> FM843 7:15pm 1:50am+1 1, 5
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b> CA988 3:15am 6:55am 1, 5 Dec 13, 17, 20, 24 & 27 only	<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b> CA987 6:40pm 1:55am+1 4, 7 Dec 12, 16, 19, 23 & 26 only
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<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

## FLY GUAM FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Guam-Saipan	Flight Sector	ETD	ETA	Turn-around Time	Flytime Hrs	Dates
5K389		12:30	13:20	01:00	00:50	Mon, Thu, Sat
<b>Saipan-Guam</b>						
5K382		18:05	18:55	HK	00:50	Tue, Fri, Sun
<b>Saipan-Hong Kong</b>						
5K168		14:20	17:30	HKG	05:10	Mon, Thu, Sat
<b>Hong Kong-Saipan</b>						
5K169		10:00	17:05	01:00	05:05	Tue, Fri, Sun
<b>Mar. 28 - May 22</b>						
<b>Guam-Saipan</b>						
5K389		13:35	14:25	01:00	00:50	Mon, Thu, Sat
<b>Saipan-Guam</b>						
5K382		18:00	18:50	HKG	00:50	Tue, Fri, Sun
<b>Saipan-Hong Kong</b>						
5K168		15:25	18:35	HKG	05:10	Mon, Thu, Sat
<b>Hong Kong-Saipan</b>						
5K169		09:55	17:00	01:00	05:05	Tue, Fri, Sun



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- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



# 13th Taste of the Marianas



A traditional lion dance for good luck and prosperity, courtesy of the Chinese Association in the CNMI, opens the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas on Saturday at the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

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Canton Restaurant's wide array of Chinese food never fails to attract food lovers.

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Island beads and mwars add cultural flavor to the food festival.

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Bojobo dolls, necklaces, bracelets and other arts and crafts are also a main attraction.

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Fresh fruits and vegetables adorn the Fiesta Resort & Spa's food booth.

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D' Elegance Café boasts of one of the best decorated food booths.

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A customer, right, points to other food choices at the Canton Restaurant booth.

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Island dinner isn't complete without barbecue, courtesy of D' Elegance Café.

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# May 8-14 is 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer Week



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated second from right, poses with volunteers and staff of the 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer Committee and the Commonwealth Cancer Association after signing the proclamation designating May 8-14 as 2011 MMAC Week at the Delta Air Lines check-in counter at the Saipan International Airport on Friday.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth will observe May 8 to 14 as 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer Week and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos is calling on the Commonwealth to celebrate the occasion and learn more about cancer prevention.

"I encourage all members of the community to celebrate the week by honoring survivors of cancer, commemorating those who have passed on from cancer, and learning as much as possible about preventing this deadly disease," Inos said as he signed the proclamation Friday at the Saipan International Airport.

The proclamation signing was sponsored by Delta Air Lines.

The 2011 MMAC week aims to create heightened awareness of one of the top two leading causes of death in the CNMI and the second leading cause of death in the U.S. mainland.

"Because cancer does not discriminate by age, gender, or race, it is important to know that the sooner a cancer is found and treatment begins, the better are the chances for living for many years," the proclamation states.

For his part, 2011 MMAC chair Dave B. Guerrero said that Friday's signing was a "great day" as Inos once again signed the proclamation of 2011 MMAC week, which he also did last year.

"We appreciate the lieutenant governor bringing his authority here at the proclamation signing to further shed light on cancer awareness in the community," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

Guerrero also acknowledged all the volunteers who have been involved in preparing for the biggest overnight fundraising event, which serves as an opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those who have lost the fight, and raise money and awareness for all those affected by the disease.

"Without them, this would not happen. It's really a group effort," he added.

## 44 patients

When Inos asked about cancer statistics in the CNMI, Commonwealth Cancer Association program manager Tina Sablan said their organization was able to directly assist 44 cancer patients.

Sablan added that the CCA also continues to advocate for the creation of a population-based cancer registry in the CNMI as mandated by law.

The cancer registry, Sablan said, will be instrumental in monitoring demographics and trends, which will help in the creation of effective cancer prevention and outreach programs in the Commonwealth.

Sablan said they are willing to provide assistance to the Department of Public Health, the agency tasked to set up the cancer registry.

## Garapan cleanup nets 1,220 lbs of trash

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Volunteers of Paseo De Marianas Promoters Inc. had to deal with wet and heavy trash during their monthly cleanup Saturday morning.

Sonia Siwa of PDM Promoters said the 46 volunteers, led by Kinpachi Restaurant owner Misako Kamata and members

of the Saipan Awaodori Team and some of their parents, collected a total of 1,220 lbs of trash from 9am to 11am.

The group, which holds the monthly cleanup usually every first Saturday of the month, picked up trash along Coral Tree Avenue to the fire station then Beach Road straight up to ABC Store and the Star Sands Plaza area.

"This month's cleanup wasn't so easy because most of the trash were heavy because it's been raining on and off the last few days," Siwa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Aside from the damp trash, Sonia said the trash collection also weighed a lot because of some six used tires that people just dumped along their cleanup area.

"We had to use two pickup

trucks to deliver the trash to the transfer station in Lower Base," she said.

Sonia thanked all the volunteers, especially the parents of the Saipan Awaodori members, who are "very cooperative" in this regular activity.

She also thanked the Division of Environmental Quality, which provided the supplies needed for the cleanup.



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PDM Promoters Inc. volunteers pose for a group photo during their monthly cleanup in Garapan area last Saturday. The group collected a total of 1,220 lbs of trash.

## DOI conference aims to teach alternative dispute resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs is sponsoring and organizing an Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference in San Francisco, Calif., that will bring together a variety of speakers from the U.S. insular areas, including experienced ADR providers, judges, and lawyers to explore alternative dispute resolution procedures that could enable the islands to resolve disputes quickly, fairly, and cost-effectively.

The two-day conference will be held at the State Bar of California on May 18 and 19, 2011.

ADR is a process increasingly used by many States and local governments to settle international, commercial or labor disputes without having to go directly through the courts. With current restraints on local government budgets, court systems are finding it difficult to meet swelling demands. In this regard, ADR could offer an innovative supplement to the judicial process that relieves some of the pressure on already overburdened court systems.

On the first day, the conference will feature panel discus-

sions on:

- Mediation: Overview of the mediation process, its purpose, benefits, when to bring a case to mediation, and how to deal with difficult negotiators.

- Arbitration: Innovative techniques to avoid costly litigation and streamline commercial arbitrations. Practical application of ADR focus session: An overview of various contract opportunities, ADR clauses, and government and private contracting and procurement.

- Implementing ADR: Approaches from the Federal Courts, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

- Fostering ADR: Guam's Unique Approach.

- Culture, language and tradition: Resolving disputes in the insular areas.

The second day will feature:

- International mediation: Benefits of using mediation to resolve international disputes.

- International arbitration: The resolution of a broad range of complex, high-stakes international disputes.

- Next steps: ADR in the territories: learning from each other, channeling disputes to ADR, and making it work for our courts. (DOI)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday and happy Mother's Day to Ana Quitugua Lizama of Kapolei, Hawaii. Mom, we love you very much and thankful for everything that you've done. May you continue to be blessed for the wonderful person that you are. Love always, your husband, children, and grandchildren.

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Happy birthday to our princess, Ellen Smith! May the Lord bless you and grant you many more birthdays to come. With much love coming from your family.

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Happy birthday to our gorgeous mommy, Lynette Sablan. We wish you a great birthday and many more to come. Love, your hubby and daughters.

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Happy 25th birthday to Shawn Camacho! We love you! Greetings come from your family and friends.

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# Business

## Businesses now hiring at fastest pace since 2006

By **JEANNINE AVERSA**  
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

American companies are on a hiring spree. Businesses delivered a jolt of strength to the economy by creating 268,000 jobs in April, the biggest monthly total in more than five years. The gains were solid across an array of industries, even beleaguered construction.

It was the third month in a row of at least 200,000 new jobs. The private sector has added jobs for 14 consecutive months. Even a slight rise in the unemployment rate to 9 percent appears to be a quirk.

The job growth was better than economists expected and perhaps the strongest sign yet that what they call a "virtuous cycle" has taken hold: When people spend more, corporate earnings rise, leading to more hiring and then more spending.

Companies have added more than 200,000 jobs for three months in a row.

"This was really a good report because ultimately it is all about jobs," said Joel Naroff,

president of Naroff Economic Advisors. "More and more, it is looking as if the recovery is on track despite the headwinds it is facing."

Those include higher prices for crude oil and gas. But energy prices fell sharply earlier this week, apparently reflecting lower consumption in the United States and a stronger dollar. Analysts think the price of gas may have peaked for the summer at about \$4 a gallon.

The rise in the unemployment rate, to 9 percent in April from 8.8 percent the month, was the first increase since November. But it appeared to be because of a temporary disparity in two surveys the government uses to track jobs.

Wall Street was pleased by Friday's report from the Labor Department. The Dow Jones industrials rose more than 150 points shortly after the opening bell. The Dow closed up 55 points, or 0.4 percent.

Businesses added jobs in April across the economy. Retailers, factories, financial companies, education, health care

and the construction industry all reported gains.

And the government said the job gains it reported for March and February turned out to be even stronger than previously thought. Private employers have now added jobs for 14 straight months.

Economists say companies are paying for new hires by starting to spend some of the almost \$2 trillion in cash that businesses stockpiled after the recession ended in June 2009. Analysts have said the use of corporate cash reserves is the most effective way to strengthen the job market.

Once again, governments at the federal, state and local levels all cut jobs—24,000 in April. Counting those cuts, the economy as a whole added 244,000 jobs last month. The private-sector job gains were the most since February 2006.

"It is a sigh of relief: Economic momentum has not been lost," said Sung Won Sohn, economist at California State University. He said he was surprised that energy prices hadn't

scared businesses away from hiring more.

President Barack Obama, refocusing on the economy after a week in which the killing of Osama bin Laden had dominated his agenda, said the figures were a sign that "we are regaining our footing."

"We've made this progress at a time when our economy's been facing some serious headwinds," the president told workers at a transmission plant in Indiana. He cited high gas prices and the earthquake in Japan.

"There will undoubtedly be

some more challenges ahead, but the fact is that we are still making progress," he said. "And that proves how resilient the American economy is, and how resilient the American worker is, and that we can take a hit and we can keep on going forward."

## Gas prices expected to drop 50 cents by summer



In this May 5, 2011 photo, contractor Mylan Johnson pumps gas into his truck at the Marathon Station in Moreland Hills, Ohio.

## Obama tries to reassure public on economy, jobs

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Barack Obama is reassuring the public that jobs and the economy are his top priority.

At the end of a historic and emotionally charged week that began with his nationally televised announcement that Osama bin Laden had been killed in Pakistan during a raid by U.S. special forces, Obama on Saturday returned to promoting his energy agenda.

U.S. forces raided a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where bin Laden had lived for several years, killing the al-Qaida leader.

The news of bin Laden's demise dominated the week's headlines.

"So although our economy hasn't been the focus of the news this week, not a day goes by that I'm not focused

on your jobs, your hopes and your dreams," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address.

He recorded the address Friday while visiting an Indianapolis transmissions plant that makes systems for hybrid vehicles.

Obama has been traveling around the country to talk up his plan to reduce U.S. consumption of foreign oil—and the price Americans pay for it—by increasing domestic oil production, encouraging a shift to alternative energy sources and building vehicles that use less fuel.

He says shifting to jobs like those at the Indianapolis factory will create more jobs and help the economy grow.

"The clean energy jobs at this plant are the jobs of the future, jobs that pay well right

here in America," Obama said. "It's clean energy companies like this one that will keep our economy growing, create new jobs and make sure America remains the most prosperous nation in the world."

Republicans devoted their weekly message to bin Laden.

Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown praised years of diligent work by the military and by intelligence professionals to pinpoint bin Laden's location. The al-Qaida leader's death, Brown said, sends a clear message to others like bin Laden.

"The example will not be lost on other terrorists," Brown said. "Any escape they make will be temporary. Any sanctuary they find will be uncovered. Those who harm or threaten the American people will be dealt with, on our terms, however long it takes."

million pounds to his fortune. The Briton owns huge parcels of land in central London and elsewhere.

For the first time, more than 100 women made the cut—a feat that this year required a fortune of at least 70 million pounds. In 2010, the bar was set at 63 million while in 2008 it was 55 million.

The study shows that the number of billionaires in the U.K. now stands at 73—up from 53 a year earlier but just shy of the record of 75 set in the pre-crisis List of 2008, when the collective wealth of the top 1,000 was 413 billion pounds.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Some relief from suffocating gas prices will likely arrive just in time for summer vacation. Expect a drop of nearly 50 cents as early as June, analysts say.

After rocketing up 91 cents since January, including 44 straight days of increases, the national average this past week stopped just shy of \$4 a gallon and has retreated to under \$3.98. A steady decline is expected to follow.

It might not be enough to evoke cheers from people who recall gas stations charging less than \$3 a gallon last year. But it would still ease the burden on drivers. And it might help lift consumer spending, which powers about 70 percent of the economy. A 50-cent drop in prices would save U.S. drivers about \$189 million a day.

Typically, gas prices peak each spring, then fall into a summertime swoon that can last several weeks. This year's decline should be gradual but steady, said Fred Rozell, the retail pricing director at the Oil Price Information Service.

Some drivers might not no-

tice much of a price drop at first, Rozell cautioned. When average gas prices fluctuate nationally, some areas are affected more than others. In cities with many service stations, for instance, prices can be slower to fall. It's even possible prices will rise at some stations in coming days even if they decline nationally.

And after the galloping surge in prices this year, many gas station owners are reluctant to lower prices until they see their competition doing the same, Rozell said.

"It's just the nature of the business," he said. "They're going to try to get the most they can."

Station owners still feel bruised from their own higher costs earlier this year. In some cases, their suppliers raised prices so quickly that station owners couldn't pass along those higher costs to consumers fast enough. Competition also makes it hard for some stations to raise prices.

"So station owners will be watching each other this summer," Rozell said. "When one guy drops, so will the other."

A drop in prices would take

some pressure off struggling consumers as well as businesses. As prices soared this year, surveys showed that motorists started to drive less. MasterCard SpendingPulse said this past week that it had recorded its sixth straight week of declining gasoline consumption.

That's a cautionary sign for the economy, because most drivers conserve fuel only after curbing spending on other discretionary items like furniture, computers and vacations.

Over the past month, gas prices have risen 36 cents a gallon in Columbus, Ohio, to \$4.10. Steve Garrett has felt it. He's scrapped a summer trip to Myrtle Beach, Fla. And the bakery distribution center where he works has begun closing sites and laying off staff to save fuel on bread and pastry shipments.

If prices fall fast enough, Garrett, 43, said he may think about another vacation in August.

"But right now, I'm still just scared about the economy," he said. "I still might lose my job."

This past week, a confluence of factors stemmed the rise in gasoline prices.

## Fortunes of Britain's super rich climb

**LONDON** (AP)—The fortunes of Britain's wealthiest individuals appear to have turned.

The 1,000 richest people in Britain increased their collective wealth by 18 percent in the past year and are now worth 395.8 billion pounds (\$647.8 billion), according to a list published by the Sunday Times newspaper.

The newspaper will release in its Sunday edition its annual rundown of Britain's 1,000 richest individuals and families.

Steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal's family members held onto their position as the wealthiest

people in Britain with a fortune of 17.5 billion pounds—but they are 22 percent poorer than a year earlier thanks to a drop in the share price of ArcelorMittal.

Fellow metals mogul Alisher Usmanov, a Russian who has a stake in English football club Arsenal, saw the biggest increase in wealth. He climbed six spots on the list to No. 2 after adding 7.7 billion pounds to his fortune. He is now worth 12.4 billion, according to the list.

The Duke of Westminster fell out of the top 3 for the first time since 1999 despite adding 250

## BoH internal fraud prevention for businesses on May 18

Bank of Hawaii will hold a seminar on internal fraud prevention for businesses on May 18 at the bank's branch in Puerto Rico, Saipan.

The seminar will be conducted by Herminio Matsumoto and Joanne Aldan Saipan and will be from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Bank of Hawaii said it is critical to be able to reduce the temptation of employee fraud by implementing control measures and developing policies and procedures to combat fraud.

In this seminar, Matsumoto and Aldan will cover a promi-

nent theory of why internal fraud occurs, identify a vast spectrum of internal fraud schemes, and explain measures to mitigate risk of businesses.

Bank of Hawaii's Smart Money Seminars are held as a community service throughout the year. They are free and open to anyone to attend. (BoH)



# Nation

## Candid videos show rare view of unkempt bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP)—From a shabby, makeshift office, he ran a global terrorist empire. The world's most wanted man watched newscasts of himself from a tiny television perched atop a rickety old desk cluttered with wires.

For years, the world only saw the 54-year-old Osama bin Laden in the rare propaganda videos that trickled out, the ones portraying him as a charismatic religious figure unfazed by being the target of a worldwide manhunt.

On Saturday, the U.S. re-

leased a handful of videos, selected to show bin Laden in a much more candid, unflattering light. In the short clips, bin Laden appears hunched and tired, seated on the floor, watching television wrapped in a wool blanket and wearing a knit cap. Outtakes of his propaganda tapes show that they were heavily scripted affairs. He dyed and trimmed his beard for the cameras, then shot and re-shot his remarks until the timing and lighting were just right.

The videos were among the evidence seized by Navy SEALs after a pre-dawn raid

Monday that killed bin Laden in his walled Pakistani compound. The movies, along with computer disks, thumb drives and handwritten notes, reveal that bin Laden was still actively involved in planning and directing al-Qaida's plots against the U.S., according to a senior U.S. intelligence official who briefed reporters Saturday and insisted his name not be used.

"The material found in the compound only further confirms how important it was to go after bin Laden," said CIA director Leon Panetta in a state-

ment Saturday. "Since 9/11, this is what the American people have expected of us. In this critical operation, we delivered."

The notes and computer material showed that bin Laden's compound was a command-and-control center for al-Qaida, where the terrorist mastermind stayed in contact with al-Qaida affiliates around the world through a network of couriers, the intelligence official said. Bin Laden was eager to strike American cities again and discussed ways to attack trains, officials said, though it appeared

that plan never progressed beyond early discussions.

Officials said the clips shown to reporters were just part of the largest collection of senior terrorist materials ever collected. The evidence seized during the raid also includes phone numbers and documents that officials hope will help break the back of the organization behind the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The videos showing "outtakes"—the miscues by bin Laden that were destined for the cutting-room floor—were offered as further proof of bin

Laden's death. President Barack Obama decided this week not to release photos of bin Laden's body, which were deemed too gruesome to reveal. The U.S. has said it confirmed bin Laden's death using DNA.

But by selecting unflattering clips of bin Laden, the U.S. is also working to shatter the image he worked so hard to craft.

"It showed that bin Laden was not the superhero he wanted his people to think," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

## Mass. advocates join 'Slutwalk' crusade with march

BOSTON (AP)—Chanting "We love sluts!" and holding signs like "Jesus loves sluts," approximately 2,000 protesters marched Saturday around the Boston Common as the city officially became the latest to join an international series of protests known as "SlutWalks."

The protest movement, sparked by a Toronto police officer's remark that women could avoid being raped by not dressing like "sluts," came to Boston after advocates saw similar events—largely organized through Facebook and Twitter—pop up in Canada, England and other parts of the U.S.

"We wanted to do something to show our support," said Siobhan Connors, 20, of Lynn, Mass., a Boston organizer. "We originally planned for a small event and expected about 30 people."

But by the time the march began Saturday, about 2,000 people—some dressed in lingerie with the words "slut" written across their stomachs—were in attendance.

In January, a Toronto police officer told a group of university students that women should avoid dressing like "sluts" to avoid being raped. He later apologized. The officer who made the comments, Constable



From left, Isa Stearns of Somerville, Mass., Nadia Friedler of Cambridge, Mass., Louisa Carpenter-Winch, of Cambridge, Mass., and Emma Munson-Blatt, of Cambridge, Mass., chant during the "SlutWalk" in Boston on Saturday, May 7, 2011, which organizers described as a demonstration against those who blame the victims of sex crimes.

Michael Sanguinetti, was disciplined but remained on duty, said Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash.

However, advocates in Toronto held a "SlutWalk" to protest the officer's remarks and to highlight what they saw

as problems in blaming sexual assault victims. Since then, SlutWalks, organized mainly through social media, have been

held in Dallas, Asheville, N.C., and Ottawa, Ontario. Organizers say the events also were held to bring attention to "slut-sham-

ing," or shaming women for being sexual, and the treatment of sexual assault victims.

"I had watched the Toronto walk happen from afar," said Jaclyn Friedman, author of "Yes Means Yes: Visions of Female Sexual Power and a World Without Rape" and resident of Medford, Mass. "When I heard it was coming to Boston I just emailed the organizers and said, 'How can I help?'"

Organizers invited Friedman to speak.

Vanessa White, 33, of Somerville, Mass., also heard about the event through Facebook and showed up for the Boston event dressed in a pink jacket and fish-net stockings.

"For me ... it's an attempt to reclaim the word 'slut' itself," said White. "Because once you reclaim it, you take the power away from it."

Before the march, a small group of counter protesters, wearing colorful cowboy hats with feathers and holding a boom box that played hip-hop and 1970s funk, walked around the gathering. Dubbed the "PimpWalk," organizer Samuel Bilowski, 23, of Salem, N.H., said his group wanted to "get some numbers" and talk to attractive women.

"This is a pathetic attempt at a joke," admitted Bilowski. "We're just having fun."

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Body found inside demolished Atlanta home

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Atlanta police and fire officials say a woman's body was found inside a house that was being torn down. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution is reporting that fire officials don't know how the woman died, or if she was already dead when the work began Saturday. Capt. J.L. Bundridge of the Atlanta Fire Department told the newspaper that "during the process of demolition, they were starting to remove debris and that's when the body was discovered." Police spokeswoman Kim Jones said the woman "could have been alive when the demolition began, but

we will not know until the medical examiner rules." WSB TV is reporting that witnesses heard a cry. They said she died before firefighters could pull her from the rubble. The woman had not been identified Saturday night.

#### Defense: Federal agent coerced teen to violence

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Defense lawyers for a Somali-American teen charged with trying to detonate a bomb at a holiday tree-lighting ceremony say a federal agent tried to coerce him into violence. Attorneys for Mohamed O. Mohamud said in a filing Friday that emails from an agent known only as

"Bill Smith" prove the teen's innocence and show the federal government is not playing fair with the evidence it is supposed to provide. "The correspondence between Bill Smith and (Mohamud) demonstrates that Smith was acting as an agent provocateur, attempting to encourage (Mohamud) to engage in violent activity in this country," the defense team wrote. Mohamud, 19, has pleaded not guilty to charges of attempting to ignite a weapon of mass destruction at a Nov. 26 Christmas tree-lighting ceremony in Portland, Ore. The FBI has said that its agents were acting as his coconspirators as part of a sting and that there was never a real explosive device.

#### Houston officers shot, suspect dead after standoff

HOUSTON (AP)—A man opened fire on two police officers Saturday, injuring them as part of a two-hour episode that began at a downtown Houston bus station and ended with the suspect found dead in a parking garage three blocks away, officials said. The incident began about 5:15 p.m. Saturday when a Greyhound ticket agent checked the baggage of an unidentified man, saw an exposed handgun butt and alerted an off-duty police officer working security at the station, Houston Police spokesman John Cannon said. Witnesses say they

saw the man apparently bleeding from a wound to his side as he fled two blocks to the Amegy Bank parking garage, beside Interstate 45, and exchanged gunfire with arriving tactical unit officers as he darted inside, Cannon said. Police closed the interstate and tactical officers searched and cleared each level of the multilevel garage. Officers found the unidentified man dead with a gunshot wound to the head at 7:05 p.m., Cannon said.

#### Teams seek man whose wife survived 7 weeks in bush

RENO, Nev. (AP)—Sheriff's deputies searched for the hus-

band of a Canadian woman who survived for seven weeks on water and trail mix after they became stranded in remote mountains in Nevada, holding out hope Saturday that he could still be alive. Rita Chretien, 56, told investigators the last she saw of Albert Chretien, 59, was on March 22, when he set off for help on foot with a GPS unit just a few days after their van got stuck in the mud on a national forest road in northern Elko County, Sheriff Jim Pitts said. While it seemed unlikely he could have survived all this time, sheriff's Detective James Carpenter said crews weren't ready to turn the rescue mission into a recovery operation.



# Asia

## Bin Laden raid sparks rare criticism in Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD (AP)**—Outraged Pakistanis stepped up calls Saturday for top government officials to resign following the daring American helicopter raid that killed Osama bin Laden and embarrassed the nation.

Some of the sharpest language was directed at the army and intelligence chiefs, a rare challenge to arguably the two most powerful men in the country, who are more accustomed to being feared than publicly criticized.

The Pakistani army has said it had no idea bin Laden was hiding for up to six years in Abbottabad, an army town only two and a half hours' drive from the capital, Islamabad. That claim has met with skepticism from U.S. officials, who have repeatedly criticized Pakistan for failing to crack

down on Islamist militants.

But with anti-American sentiment already high in the South Asian nation, many Pakistani citizens were more incensed by the fact that the country's military was powerless to stop the American raid.

Some lawmakers and analysts expressed hope that civilian leaders can seize on this anger to chip away at the military's power, but others doubt that even an embarrassment of this scale will shake the status quo.

"It was an attack on our soil, and the army was sleeping," said Zafar Iqbal, a 61-year-old retired bureaucrat in the eastern city of Lahore.

He singled out the leaders of Pakistan's army, air force and the main intelligence organization—Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, Air Chief Marshal Rao Qa-

mar Suleman and Gen. Ahmed Shuja Pasha—saying they all should be forced to resign.

"All three of these men have brought insult to us, and they deserve all the punishment," said Iqbal.

The direct criticism of Kayani and Pasha was particularly striking because the two men enjoy a vaunted status in Pakistan due to their role in protecting the country from external threats, especially archenemy India. Some also feared that bad mouthing the shadowy spy agency, known as the Inter-Services Intelligence agency, could cause trouble and possibly even harm.

Kayani has also had strong backing from the U.S. and other NATO countries, which have sought to enlist his help in battling militants along the country's border with Afghanistan.

## Plane with 27 people crashes in eastern Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—A passenger plane carrying 27 people plunged into the ocean Saturday as it approached an airport in bad weather in Indonesia's eastern province of West Papua, killing at least 17, officials said.

Herry Bakti Singayuda, director general of air transportation, said the Chinese-made Xian MA60 twin turboprop plane went down just before landing in Kaimana. The flight, operated by state-owned Merpati Nusantara Airlines, originated in Sorong, another town in the province.

He said rescuers had recovered 17 bodies from the wreckage of the aircraft, which crashed into Kaimana Bay about 500 yards (meters) from the end of the runway. Searchers were hampered by heavy rain.

"Technically there was no problem with the plane," Singayuda told a news conference. He said the plane had only 615 flight hours and had been purchased in October. It was one of 13 MA60s currently used in Indonesia, he said.

Nuno Sampurno, chief of the National Search and Res-

cue Agency, said the crash was probably caused by bad weather which limited visibility.

Bambang Ervan, a spokesman for the transportation ministry, said it was unlikely that anyone survived.

"Given the condition of the wreckage of the ill-fated plane, it is hard to say that there are any survivors," Ervan said.

The passengers included an infant and two older children, Ervan said.

The Kompas newspaper said the plane was one of four MA60s owned by the airline.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Suspected Muslim militants kill 8 in Thai south

**PATTANI, Thailand (AP)**—Police say suspected Muslim insurgents have killed eight people in several attacks in Thailand's restive south. Police Lt. Gen. Kong-att Suwannakham says militants detonated a homemade bomb Saturday near a football field in Pattani province, killing four policemen and wounding a dozen others who had come to play a friendly match with villagers. In Yala province, police say insurgents set off a roadside bomb and shot at an army patrol, killing three soldiers and wounding two. In Narathiwat province, two men on a motorcycle fatally shot a former local official in his pickup truck.

#### Taliban attack Afghan government offices in south

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)**—The Taliban unleashed a major assault Saturday on government buildings throughout Afghanistan's main southern city, an attack that cast doubt on how successful the U.S.-led coalition has been in its nearly yearlong military campaign to establish security and stability in the former Taliban strong-

hold. The Taliban said their goal was to take control of Kandahar city, the birthplace of the Taliban and President Hamid Karzai's home province, making it the most ambitious of a series of recent high-profile attacks on government installations.

#### Singapore ruling party wins parliamentary majority

**SINGAPORE (AP)**—Singapore's long-time ruling party won an overwhelming parliamentary majority in elections in the Southeast Asian city-state, but the opposition made historic gains after mounting its biggest challenge since independence in 1965, according to returns released early Sunday. The ruling People's Action Party won 81 of the 87 parliament seats as it captured 60 percent of the 2 million votes cast in Saturday's election, the Elections Department said. The Workers Party won six seats, the most ever captured by the opposition.

#### Report: Taiwan deploys new anti-ship missile

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)**—A newspaper in Taiwan is reporting that the island has begun to deploy a new locally developed

supersonic ship-to-ship missile. The mass circulation Liberty Times says in Sunday's report that Taiwan has deployed the Hsiung Feng III missile on various military ships. Analysts say the missile is capable of attacking fuel tanks and ammunition depots on a vessel, and that it could be used against Chinese aircraft carrier battle groups. The missile was first unveiled during a military parade in late October 2007.

#### Official: Japan won't abandon nukes

**TOKYO (AP)**—A top Japanese official says Japan will maintain atomic power as part of its energy policy despite the country's ongoing nuclear crisis. Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshito Sengoku said Sunday that Japan will "stick to nuclear power as a national energy policy." He made the comment on a talk show on public broadcaster NHK. Sengoku also said the government has no plans to halt nuclear reactors other than three at the Hamaoka power plant in central Japan. On Friday, Prime Minister Naoto Kan said he had asked the plant to suspend operations at the reactors until a seawall is built and backup systems are improved.

# World



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### PASTORAL VISIT

Pope Benedict XVI, flanked by patriarch of Venice Cardinal Angelo Scola, blesses the faithful upon his arrival in St. Mark's Square in Venice, Italy, Saturday, May 7, 2011. Pope Benedict XVI arrives in Venice Saturday for a two-day pastoral visit, the first by a pope since his predecessor John Paul II plied the canals 26 years ago in a gondola built for Venice's Byzantine-era rulers. The 27-hour visit began with a stop in a nearby town, Aquileia, where Benedict was greeted by hundreds of flag-waving faithful. The visit, taking place under tight security, includes a visit to a medieval basilica, an appearance at St. Mark's Square, an open-air Mass on the Venetian mainland and a gondola ride to the Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### State TV: Toll in Egypt church attack rises to 9

**CAIRO (AP)**—Egypt's state television reports that nine people died in late night sectarian clashes in Cairo. A mob of Egyptians from the ultraconservative Salafi trend of Islam on Saturday marched on a church in the low income neighborhood of Imbaba over rumors a woman was being held inside and prevented from converting to Islam. In the ensuing scuffle, shots were fired and fire bombs were hurled and another church nearby was set on fire. A total of 144 were also injured. On Sunday morning, a nearby six story building involved in the clashes was still smoldering, according to residents. The clashes marked an escalation in tension between Egypt's Muslims and its Coptic Christian minority that has coincided with uncertainty since the ouster of the president in February.

#### 14 killed in clashes at Iraq's Interior Ministry

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Iraqi officials say 14 people including six security officials were killed when clashes broke out overnight between detainees and security personnel. A ministry official on the scene said detainees being moved between buildings tried to overpower the security officials and take away their weapons. In the ensuing melee, six police and eight detainees were killed. Police and hospital officials confirmed the casualties. All the officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

#### 350 Indian couples wed in mass ceremony in Bolivia

**LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)**—About

350 couples in Bolivia have been married according to Indian customs and traditions in a colorful Andean mass wedding with President Evo Morales presiding as best man. Saturday's ceremony was held at a colosseum in La Paz, the capital, that was adorned with large white flowers and indignant banners. Several bands serenaded the couples. Indian religious leaders presided over the wedding as did symbolically Pachamama—the earth deity of the Aymara and Quechua races of Bolivia's highlands Indians. And Morales gave a speech to the couples, who crowded the arena's floor wearing multicolored native ponchos and hats. Before the ceremony, each couple married in a civil ceremony.

#### Bahrain accuses activists of plots to topple state

**MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)**—Bahrain's military prosecutor is accusing 21 political activists of seeking to overthrow the ruling monarchy in a widening crackdown after a pro-reform uprising by the island nation's Shiite majority. The state-run Bahrain News Agency says the cases were sent Sunday to a special security court set up under martial law in the strategic Gulf nation, which is home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. Fourteen members of the group are in custody, including several prominent Shiite political figures. The others are charged in absentia. Bahrain's Sunni monarchy is waging a relentless campaign against the Shiite opposition, which began protests in February for a greater political voice. More than 30 people have died in the unrest.

#### Media: Ex-Israeli spymaster opposes Iran attack

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—Israeli media are quoting the country's recently retired spy chief as saying a military strike against Iran's nuclear program would be "stupid." This conclusion challenges Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's position that Iran won't curb its nuclear ambitions unless it thinks it is threatened with military action. Iran says it is not developing nuclear weapons, but Israel and the West do not believe that. Media on Sunday reported that former spymaster Meir Dagan told a weekend conference that an effective attack on Iran would be difficult because Iranian nuclear facilities are scattered and mobile. Dagan also cautioned that a strike would be liable to trigger war with Iran and possibly Syria. He spoke days before Netanyahu is due to meet with U.S. officials in Washington.

#### Ecuador's Correa declares referendum victory

**QUITO, Ecuador (AP)**—President Rafael Correa declared victory after an exit poll and partial unofficial results indicated voters approved all 10 ballot questions in a referendum Saturday, an outcome critics say will tighten his grip on power, inhibit press freedom and lessen the judiciary's independence. The exit poll by SP Investigacion y Estudios, which regularly does work for the government, said voters approved all the questions by greater than 60 percent. Partial unofficial results compiled for the state Electoral Council and representing 12 percent of voting stations, meanwhile, showed all the questions winning with about 53 percent support.



## Focus

**N**EW YORK (AP)—When Hyojin Jenny Hwang wrote on Facebook that she was saddened by the sight of young Americans like herself jubilantly cheering Osama bin Laden's death, the angry response was swift, even from friends.

"One friend told me she felt judged for feeling happy," said the 30-year-old mother from New Jersey. "And another one simply unfriended me on Facebook."

As the hours passed, though, and the initial giddiness settled a bit, Hwang, who says she feels strongly that a death should not be celebrated, received messages of support from people similarly unnerved by the scenes of euphoria. Those scenes have included chants of "USA! USA!" at the White House gates and ground zero; signs such as "Obama 1, Osama 0"; or T-shirts now available online, saying "GOT HIM!" and illustrated by a stick figure of a dead bin Laden.

It's one thing to be satisfied that the world's most wanted terrorist has been killed by a U.S. Navy SEAL unit in Pakistan. But where does satisfaction end and gloating begin? It's a question being posed online by ordinary Americans, religious figures, various commentators and several 9/11 widows. And it's bound to be on President Barack Obama's mind as he treaded that fine line in a visit Thursday to ground zero.

Could Obama's visit in itself be interpreted as gloating? The president, who decided Wednesday not to release gruesome death photos of bin Laden so as not to "spike the football," seems well aware of the dangers. He planned a somber and quiet New York visit—no speech, the White House said, just laying a wreath at the World Trade Center site and meeting privately with families and first responders.

"The president thinks it's entirely fitting and appropriate to visit the site ... in the wake of this significant and cathartic moment for the American people," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

The trip had support from the city's mayor, Michael Bloomberg, who said the president "should be here meeting the families," and from the tabloid Daily News, which called the visit "most welcome at this hour of national unity and uplift."

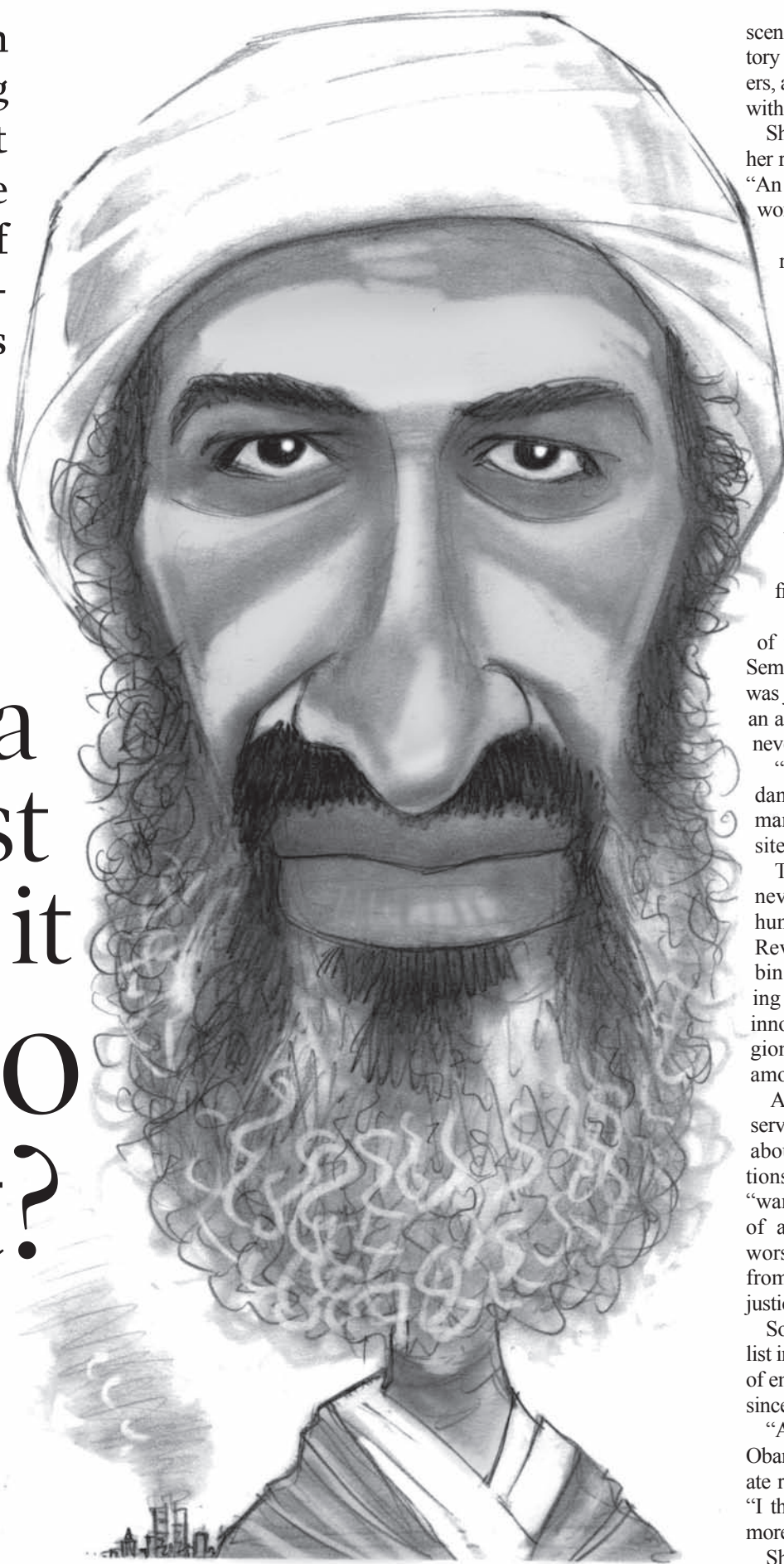
It was impossible to tell whether those Americans feeling uneasy with Sunday's scenes of celebration were in the majority or minority; the few polls conducted since the news broke haven't asked the question. But for three women who lost husbands on Sept. 11, the jubilant scenes were disturbing.

Kristen Breitweiser said they brought back images of bin Laden supporters celebrating in the streets on that infamous day in 2001.

"Forgive me, but I don't want to watch uncorked champagne spill onto hallowed ground where thousands were murdered in cold blood," she wrote

## When a terrorist dies, is it OK to gloat?

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“I’m damn happy he’s dead. And on top of that, I hope it hurt. A lot.”

Monday on The Huffington Post. “And it breaks my heart to witness young Americans cheer any death—even the death of a horrible, evil, murderous person—like it is some raucous tailgate party on a college campus. Why are we not somber?”

Another 9/11 widow, Marian Fontana, wrote on Salon of how her son, Aidan, who was 5 when his father died, had gone to school on Monday and called at lunchtime, wanting to come home.

“Everyone is talking about bin Laden. In every class, they are happy he is dead, but I don’t feel happy,” she said he told her.

And Deena Burnett Bailey, of Little

Rock, Ark., who lost her husband Tom Burnett, said she was struggling with how to talk to her teens about bin Laden’s death.

“To say that I’m happy that he was killed just seems odd, and it goes against my Christian faith,” she said. “The girls and I were talking about it. ... One of them said, ‘What can we say, Mom? We can’t say praise the Lord, he’s dead.’ I said, ‘I know. You just have to know that someone else made that decision, and that he will now stand before judgment for having killed so many people.’”

Online, some Americans said they saw absolutely nothing wrong with Sunday’s outpouring.

“If you cannot cheer about the demise of a truly wicked man who took so much from us, what do you celebrate?” asked Edward Hannigan, 45, of Chico Hills, Calif., editor of an online music magazine, on Facebook. In another post, he added: “I’m damn happy he’s dead. And on top of that, I hope it hurt. A lot.”

But Donna Guhr, a waitress in Crestone, Colo., refused to cheer. “Out of ALL the people here in my town I’ve spoken with I only know two people who agree with the celebrating,” she wrote, also on Facebook. “Gives me hope.”

In a follow-up phone interview, Guhr, 44, said she was concerned about

scenes of the jubilation inciting retaliatory attacks. “He had a lot of followers, and they’re not getting any happier with us,” she said of bin Laden.

She added that the celebrations made her recall a quote attributed to Gandhi: “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.”

Not surprisingly, the question reached the late-night comedy shows.

“I hope I am never again this happy over someone’s death,” quipped Stephen Colbert on Monday night on “The Colbert Report.” His fellow Comedy Central host Jon Stewart mused: “I suppose I should be expressing some ambivalence about the targeted killing of another human being. And yet—uhhhh, no!”

Some serious concerns came from religious leaders.

The Rev. Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, wrote that bin Laden’s death was justified as an act of war but not as an act of justice. He said death should never be celebrated.

“Such celebration points to the danger of revenge as a powerful human emotion,” he wrote on his website this week.

The Vatican said Christians could never rejoice about the death of any human being. But spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi noted that bin Laden was responsible for having caused the deaths of countless innocents and for having used religion to spread “division and hatred among people.”

And the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, an association of about 700 conservative congregations in the U.S., said its tradition “warns us not to celebrate the death of any human being, even of our worst enemies, but it does not stop us from gratitude that some measure of justice has been exacted.”

Some people, like Annie Kim, a cellist in a New York rock band, felt a mix of emotions, shifting over the few days since the news broke.

“As I was watching President Obama telling the news ... my immediate reaction was relief,” said Kim, 31. “I thought, he (bin Laden) can do no more evil!”

She was happy.

But later, she said, “I wondered why we couldn’t have captured him and given him a trial. I guess in the end of it all, I really was mortified that people were celebrating a death.”

On Wednesday, just south of ground zero, Phyllis Mitchell was sitting on a bench in front of a restaurant, keeping on her hardhat during a break from her construction job—helping rebuild the trade center. She was wary of what Thursday might bring, along with the president.

Though she didn’t think the president himself was gloating, she said she was unhappy with what she’d seen on Sunday night in the same spot.

“I didn’t like the celebrations I saw,” she said. “It doesn’t make sense to celebrate anybody’s death. Even his.”

*Associated Press writers Steve Karnowski in Minneapolis, Verena Dobnik in New York and Wayne Parry in Atlantic City, N.J., contributed to this report.*



# Health & Fitness

Buying the right bicycle for yourself or a child can be confusing, with so many types of bicycles and brands to choose from.

"There is a dizzying array of bicycles for sale," said Tim Blumenthal, a bicycle expert and president of People for Bikes, a national campaign to gather support of bicycling in the United States.

The good news is that the quality of bicycles at all price points is much better than it was even a decade ago, Blumenthal said. Manufacturers use lighter materials that are still strong, and the quality of construction has improved, as has technology in gears and brakes.

"Today's bikes are just better," Blumenthal said. "What you used to get for \$1,000, you can now get for \$400, and what you used to get for \$400, you now get for \$300. It's nonlinear like that, but you're getting better value."

We sought advice from experts on bicycle-buying decisions, whether purchasing a child's bike, an adult recreational bike and or a commuter bike. Here's what we found:

## SERVICE IS KEY

With Internet shopping and price comparisons, consumers can ruthlessly seek out the best retailer for lowest prices. That works well for many purchases but not as well for bicycles. Different bikes are sold by different types of retailers. So, experts say, the first question isn't "What bike should I buy?" Instead, it should be, "Where should I buy it?" Advice and custom fitting is key to how happy you'll be with a bike.

"The personal advice is so important," Blumenthal said.

The best shops will have good after-purchase services, including making minor adjustments and offering a tune-up within six weeks of buying a bike.

"The difference in a bike feeling pretty good and really good can be just a couple turns of a screw," he said.

People will ride a good-fitting bike more, creating better value by reducing their cost per ride, said Emily Furia, a senior editor at Bicycling magazine. "The fit is more important than the brand or the type of bicycle."

If you get the feeling that the salesperson is trying to sell you a pricey bike rather than listening to you and helping you make a good choice, shop elsewhere.

## WHERE TO BUY

The three main categories of retailers are independent bicycle shops; specialty sporting good stores, such as Dick's Sporting Goods or Sports Authority; or a mass merchant, such as Walmart or Toys R Us.

As you might suspect, prices will be higher at an independent shop than a mass merchant, with the sporting goods stores falling between. However, different bikes are sold through



Stephanie Summerhill, of Clermont, Florida, and other competitors make their way through Coral Gables, Florida.

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# Buying a bike? Exercise savvy

By GREGORY KARP  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

different retailers, so bike shops sell superior bikes that are more likely to be expertly assembled, Furia said. She suggests shopping at an independent shop.

"It's worth every extra penny you will spend," she said. "You're paying for the knowledge."

Consumer Reports concurs, "You'll pay more, but we think you're more likely to be satisfied."

Still, Blumenthal said, other retailers can be worth a look.

"Stores like REI and the best specialty sporting good stores have gotten better and now often match what most bike shops can provide," he said.

Some parents buying a kid's bike might have a price in mind, such as less than \$100, that only a mass merchandiser can offer. They can be appropriate for kids who will quickly outgrow a bike or will be especially rough with it.

"Everybody is getting better, so that's the good news," Blumenthal said. "But what you'll get in big-box store will be uneven."

## HOW TO BUY

Your first stop for bike shopping should be your computer, Blumenthal said. Websites of top bike brands, such as Trek, Specialized, Giant, Cannondale, Fuji, Raleigh and Performance, offer guides to help you choose a bicycle and will give you an idea of what prices to expect.

"I would do that before I went into a store," Blumenthal said.

And when shopping at stores, it can help to bring along a friend or neighbor who is an ex-

perienced rider.

Consumer Reports advises against cheaper brands. "Inexpensive bikes selling for less than \$200 from brands such as Huffy, Mongoose, Roadmaster and Schwinn may seem like good deals, but we advise spending \$300 or more, if your budget allows," it wrote.

Unless you're at a mass merchandiser, ask to ride the bike,

and try the model above and below the recommended bike, Furia said.

"You might find the boost in performance might be worth it, or you might be just as happy with a less expensive model," she said.

## GIVE HYBRIDS A GOOD LOOK

If you're uncertain how you or an older child will use the

bike, namely on-road or off-road, a good compromise is a hybrid bike, also called urban, fitness or recreation. These bikes are good for road riding and rougher terrain, though they won't excel at either compared with a road-racing bike or mountain bike.

"Those bikes are pretty versatile," Blumenthal said, adding that a decent one can be pur-

chased for \$275 to \$550.

## BUYING USED

While you can pay less for a used bike, that method is best for cyclists who know what they want, including sizes, and are familiar with types of bikes and brands.

"If I were buying a used bike, I'd buy used from a bicycle retailer," Blumenthal said. You'll pay a little more, but you'll get advice on what to buy and get a bike that has had a tune-up.

## ACCESSORIES

A helmet is the primary accessory you might need. Pricier helmets aren't any more protective, Furia said.

"A \$30 helmet will protect you just as well as a \$300 one," she said.

Bring kids along to pick out their own helmets because they're more likely to wear a helmet they chose, she said.

More optional are riding gloves and a water bottle and mount. Good ideas for commuters are a carrier, front and rear lights, fenders and a bike lock.

As far as haggling at a bike shop, it probably won't work on bikes themselves, because they are low-margin items. But you might get a break on additional accessories, Furia said.

Still unclear? Blumenthal offers this simple advice that should satisfy many people.


"If you're an absolute newcomer to bicycling, there's no good reason to spend more than \$600 to \$700 on a bike, because you don't know what you like yet," he said. "Go into a bike store and spend \$350 and buy a nice hybrid bike, and buy a helmet."

*First Year Death Anniversary*

In Loving Memory of

**†Jennifer Lynn**

**Duenas Sablan Torres**




*W*e, the family humbly invite our relatives and friends to join us in commemorating the First Death Anniversary of our beloved JENNIFER (wife, mother, daughter, and sister). Daily masses of intention will be offered at 6:00 a.m. at San Jose Church beginning Tuesday, May 10 thru the Ninth and Final Day on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 except Sunday, May 15 at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are greatly appreciated.

Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

From The Torres & Sablan Families





## Life & Style

# Wood triumphs in Bridge Capital's art competition

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

For the second year in a row, Saipan Southern High School teacher Ross B. Wood emerged as the grand winner in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CNMI Art Competition sponsored by Bridge Capital LLC.

A ceramics teacher, Wood bagged first place in the three-dimensional category and also won Best in Show for his ceramic artwork titled "Saipan Turtle."

Last year, Wood's winning creation, "CNMI Latte Storyboard," earned him the \$2,500 grand prize in the open competition.

Wood and other category winners were honored at a ceremony held at Bridge Capital's corporate headquarters in Garapan Saturday afternoon.

"I'm overwhelmed with joy. ... To be honored in the way that I was today really makes me feel like I'm doing something right," Wood told *Saipan Tribune* after the ceremony.

Wood, who has been a Saipan teacher for five years, said the urge "to go deeper" into the local culture and many creation stories he heard about turtles prompted him to make the artwork that took him some 60 hours to finish.

"I love turtles. I hope turtles are more abundant than they are now. But there's plenty of beautiful turtles out here so I thought it was just a good symbol for the CNMI," he added.

Wood, who holds an art degree from Southern Oregon University, said other artists also submitted "really amazing artwork" for this year's competition.

"I am really amazed by the

caliber of artwork that's present here and it makes me incredibly happy just to see so much artwork in one place," he said.

Wood, who will be moving to China at the end of the school year with his wife, said he hopes to be back on Saipan, an island he really loves.

"I love Saipan...I just really enjoy it. So who's to say what the future holds," he said.

Wood encouraged all local artists to continue making pieces to improve their craft. "The more that you make, the more mistakes you'll get to make and then you'll be able to figure out how to over-

come those mistakes."

### Other winners

Because of the diversity and quality of artworks submissions they received, Bridge Capital LLC expanded the categories for this year's contest.

"It was so good that originally, we planned on just one art competition [but] we ended up breaking it into three [categories]," said John K. Baldwin, Bridge Capital principal and CEO.

Director of Communications Jason Schroeder, however, noted that they received less entries

in the K-12 and more in the professional or open category.

For the three-dimensional category, the other winners were Nick Klewei, "Banzai Cliff," 2nd place; Gordon B. Salas, "Alahas Atmas, Ramenta, Yan Salape," 3rd place.

Two-dimensional category winners were Greg Elliot, "Pacific Navigator," grand prize; Robert Hunter, "Piggy Back Thru As Lito," 1st place; Hunter, "Creatures Big and Small," 2nd place; Joseph Weaver, "Trongkon Nunu," 3rd place; Alfonso Arao, "Serenade," 3rd place.

Special Award for Photograph was awarded to John Kyle Pangelinan for his shot called "Wing Beach Wrath."

K to 12th grade winners were Michelle Jiyeon Jeon, Eucon International School; Amber Isabella Liwag, Oleai Elementary School; Maiana Castro, Brilliant Star; Hyeon Ho Jung, William S. Reyes Elementary School; Veeny France A. Revilla, Mount Carmel School; Patrick Cloyd Laude Agustin, Hopwood Jr. High School; Janet Estrellado, HJHS; Yong Jeong Kim, SSSS; Janela A. Revilla,

MCS; Gordon Salas, SSSS; and Nicklas Iglecias, Kagman High School.

Judges for this year's winners were press secretary Angel Demapan, Merced Ada of the Humanities Council, Marylou Conner of Friends of the Arts, Richard Pipes and Baldwin of Bridge Capital.

"I thank Bridge Capital for giving our artists this opportunity because a lot of our artists are pretty much unsung heroes and deserve opportunities like this to gain exposure," said Demapan.



CLARISSA V. DAVID  
Saipan Southern High School ceramics teacher Ross Wood, left, poses by his winning three-dimensional artwork called "Saipan Turtle" with Bridge Capital Director of Communications Jason Schroeder.

## Robert Loomis, editor of Styron, Angelou, retires

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert Loomis, one of publishing's most accomplished and longest serving editors, is retiring.

In a company memo shared with The Associated Press, the Random House Publishing Group announced Friday that Loomis was stepping down after 55 years with the company, effective the end of June. Loomis has worked with such commercially and critically successful writers as William Styron, Edmund Morris, Calvin Trillin and Maya Angelou, who has credited Loomis with pushing her into completing her first book, the classic "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."

"Robert Loomis has been my editor since 1968," Angelou said in a statement Friday. "He has guided and encouraged me through 31 books. I can't imagine trusting a manuscript in the hands of anyone else. I am not finished writing, so I cannot let him retire."

Random House spokes-

woman Theresa Zoro said the 85-year-old Loomis was out of town and unavailable for comment. She added that he was in good health and would continue working on books already in process.

"Book publishing formats and channels of distribution continue to evolve, but creative publishing begins with the author-editor relationship. Bob epitomizes the editor's role at its best," Random House president and publisher Gina Centrello wrote in the memo. "On a personal note, Bob has been a teacher and mentor to countless current and former colleagues here and across our industry."

As much as anyone, Loomis has embodied the ideal of an old-fashioned editor: understated, but uncanny; polite, but persistent, known for saying a book was "almost" ready for publication. He worked with Angelou and other authors for decades and was especially close to

Styron, who died in 2006. They became friends while attending Duke University and Loomis edited "Sophie's Choice," "Darkness Visible" and other Styron works.

In the 2011 memoir "Reading My Father," daughter Alexandra Styron described Loomis and her father as a literary odd couple, the author "all untidy appetite and noisy id," the editor a "sort of Leslie Howard figure, fair hair always meticulously groomed, his voice as gentle as his demeanor." Alexandra Styron told the AP on Friday that her father "trusted Loomis entirely."

Trillin, in a phone interview, called Loomis the "last link" to the old, pre-corporate Random House, when it was run by founder Bennett Cerf. Loomis, Trillin said, was the kind of editor who would "say the things you were supposed to say, like, 'I don't think you're being quite clear here,' or, 'this contradicts what you said back there.'"

By SETH BORENSTEIN  
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Government bureaucrats are struggling with an age-old question: What is the value of human life?

The government uses dollar amounts for lives when trying to weigh the costs and benefits of regulating such things as pollution, but it has proved politically and emotionally charged.

Now, the Environmental Protection Agency wants to stop putting a price tag on American lives and use different terminology. That is not as easy as it sounds.

The agency's first try for a replacement, a wonky "value of mortality risk," was shot down as not quite right by its science advisory board.

The EPA proposal also would put more value on preventing cancer deaths over other causes of death, like heart attacks. That is because there is a bigger scare factor for cancer, EPA officials said. But critics say that puts a premium on touchy-feely emotions over science.

"This is highly ethical, but very

## US agency cuts value of life, then dumps the idea

dangerous," said David Ropeik, an expert in risk communications and author of the book "How Risky Is It, Really?" He said people often overestimate some risks, such as cancer, and underestimate others, such as heart disease.

For decades, the government in analyzing whether regulations make economic sense has used something called "value of a statistical life."

The so-called price tag became a political hot topic in 2002, when the Bush administration tried to reduce the value of elderly people by 38 percent compared to people under 70.

Then quietly in 2004, the EPA reduced the value of life for everyone from \$7.9 million to \$7 million. The Associated Press uncovered the devaluation in 2008 and the EPA's move was criticized by Democrats and ridiculed by comedians.

Soon after the Obama administration took over in 2009, the value of a statistical life was pushed back up to \$7.9 million.

The EPA has proposed changing the term to "value of mortality risk" and instead of using dollars for a theoretical life, regulations would be measured in "dollars per micro-risk per year." A micro-risk is one in a million.

So instead of using the value of a life at \$7.9 million when calculations are made about the benefits of a regulation,

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EPA proposal: <http://tinyurl.com/epavalue>

it would be using figures that talk about the benefits of reducing deaths by \$7.90 per micro-risk per person per year.

Under the current EPA economic calculations, people are troubled by the question of "how do you put a value on a human life," said Al McGartland, EPA's chief environmental economist.

With the new proposal, "we're not putting a value on a human life," he said.

The new method is more understandable for the public, said Lisa Heinzerling, a Georgetown University

law professor who until late last year was EPA's policy chief and the architect behind the change.

When environmental economists talked about value of life, they really were trying to figure out how much people would pay to reduce individual risk of death, so this is a more accurate term, said Heinzerling, co-author of a book called "Priceless: On Knowing the Price of Everything and the Value of Nothing."

But science board members said the proposed term is clunky and confusing. They suggested "value risk reduction." Eventually, the board will make a recommendation to EPA's chief, who will make the final decision.

No matter what term is used, the EPA's proposal "doesn't change anything, it still means the same thing. No one will be fooled for long," Tufts University economist Frank Ackerman, co-author of Heinzerling's book, said in an e-mail.

The rebranding could bury key en-

vironmental decisions "in ever-deeper jargon," said Frank O'Donnell, president of Clean Air Watch and a critic of the old method.

In the proposal, the EPA is adding a 50 percent "cancer differential" to calculating death risks. This would say the risk of dying of cancer is 50 percent worse—or more costly—than the risk of dying in other ways. EPA associate environmental economics chief Nathalie Simon pointed to scientific studies, based on surveys that say people would be willing to pay more to avoid dying of cancer, when compared to other causes of death.

John Graham, the Bush administration regulation chief who proposed discounting the value of seniors, said people may say they fear cancer more, but their actions do not back that up.

In an e-mail, Graham, now dean of Indiana University's school of public and environmental affairs, questioned whether a "cancer premium" can be justified "in light of the reluctance of citizens to monitor for radon in their homes, enroll in cancer screening programs, and eat their fruits and vegetables on a daily basis."



# Abdul rejoins Cowell as 'X Factor' judge

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Paula Abdul will be back at the judging table with Simon Cowell, this time on Fox's "The X Factor," a person familiar with the negotiations said Saturday.

Though widely expected, confirmation of Abdul's joining the new singing contest was held up as negotiations continued until the eve of the show's first taping, according to the person familiar with the talks. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because Fox and the show's producers had

not authorized public comment.

Representatives for Abdul did not respond to requests for comment.

Whatever the holdup, it had nothing to do with any prior commitment between Abdul and CBS, which featured her on "Live to Dance" earlier this year. She was recently released by the network from any further obligations, a person at CBS said Saturday, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the network had not authorized public discussion of the issue.

"Live to Dance" was a talent competition series starring Abdul that premiered on CBS in January. It was a ratings flop.

Abdul will be on hand for Sunday's taping in Los Angeles of the first judging session for "The X Factor." This will reunite her with fellow judge Cowell, her former sparring partner on the "American Idol"

judging panel. Other previously announced judges include British pop superstar Cheryl Cole and Grammy-winning producer Antonio "L.A." Reid.

"The X Factor," based on Cowell's hit British show, will debut this fall on Fox.

The 48-year-old Abdul is a dancer, choreographer and recording artist.

## Paul McCartney engaged to girlfriend Nancy Shevell

**LONDON (AP)**—Paul McCartney and his girlfriend Nancy Shevell are engaged, his publicist said Friday, nearly four years after they were first spotted together.

McCartney, 68, started dating the 51-year-old New York socialite and businesswoman following his bitter split from second wife Heather Mills.

McCartney publicist Stuart Bell confirmed recent media speculation over a proposal as true, but declined to give further details on when and how the former Beatle asked Shevell to marry him, saying only "we're all thrilled for him."

The bride-to-be was tight-

lipped but confirmed her engagement to The Associated Press.

"It's true," she said when contacted by telephone, but declined to comment further. "That's all, but thank you, have a good weekend."

The marriage will be McCartney's third; his first wife, Linda, died of cancer in 1998. His 2002 marriage to Mills ended in divorce in 2008.

Shevell was married for more than 20 years to attorney Bruce Blakeman, a close friend of former New York Gov. George Pataki, who appointed her to the board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

## Soup Nazi from 'Seinfeld' shows up at Mets game

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The only thing missing was a piping-hot bowl of mulligatawny. Or maybe a free piece of bread.

The Soup Nazi showed up at Citi Field on Saturday night.

Actor Larry Thomas, who played the ornery soup genius on the TV show "Seinfeld" appeared—in character—to give DVD prizes to fans at Citi Field who correctly answered trivia questions about the show.

Dressed in chef's whites just as he did when he famously booted "Seinfeld" characters

George Costanza and Elaine Benes from his shop, Thomas waved to the crowd on the big screen, mouthing the words: "No soup for you!"

Later, he posed for pictures with another winner.

Jerry Stiller, who played Costanza's father on the show, led the crowd in singing "Take Me Out To the Ball Game" from a suite during the seventh-inning stretch, belting out an a capella rendition of the song to both cheers and laughter.

## Charges to be dropped in Bieber NY mall frenzy

**GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP)**—Justin Bieber has agreed to record a public service announcement on cyberbullying in order to resolve criminal charges filed against his manager and a record executive after a frenzy at a New York mall.

The case stemmed from an incident in 2009, when thousands of unruly girls turned up at a Long Island clothing store to see the teen pop star sign autographs. Police hadn't been expecting the crowd, and ordered the event cancelled.

Def Jam Records executive James Roppo was arrested after police said he refused to help disperse the crowd. Months later, police also pressed child endangerment charges against Bieber's manager, Scott Braun.

Braun hadn't been at the mall, but police said that when reached by phone he initially refused an order to send out a Twitter message to Bieber's fans telling them the singer wouldn't appear.

Prosecutors told a judge Friday that they are dropping charges against both men. The record company and a management company pleaded guilty to fire code violations.

In an interview with Newsday, Nassau District Attorney Kathleen Rice said she was happy with the outcome of the case.

"To have someone like Justin Bieber, who is emulated by kids his age across the world, educating people about the dangers of cyberbullying, that's invaluable," she said.

## Husband who kisses and tells gets cold shoulder from wife

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Derek," confessed to me that while he was out with friends on a work-related trip, he drank too much and danced with and kissed another woman. He didn't tell me right away. He planned to tell me sometime in the future, but his conscience bothered him, so he told me five days later.

I'm at a loss as to what to do. We have a small child. Derek is a good man, but he has violated my trust. I can't forget and I don't know if I can forgive. We've had our ups and downs, and the past year has been particularly stressful.

When he returned from the trip, he was the perfect husband—loving, attentive, devoted—exactly what I had been missing. To find out that what was behind this change in his behavior was guilt is devastating. I'm not sure I want to be with him anymore. Am I overreacting?

THROWN IN MARYLAND

DEAR THROWN: Yes—but that doesn't mean you should ignore what happened. Before you throw away what could be a perfectly good marriage, it's important you and Derek work through what caused those "ups and downs" that led to what was missing in your relationship. A marriage counselor could be very helpful right now. If Derek didn't love you and want to make things right, he wouldn't have told you about what he did. For that, I respect him, and so should you.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are recently retired. We've happily settled into a morning routine of breakfast, reading the paper and exercising. Some days we don't bother to shower and dress until late morning.

A friend, "Herb," who is also retired, frequently drops by unannounced between 8 a.m. and noon. You'd think that after catching me still in my robe and my husband in sweaty workout clothes, Herb would get the message that it's not convenient to visit, but he continues. I see no way of stopping this short of being blunt, but I don't want to hurt his feelings. We see him and his wife at many social events.

My question is, what's the etiquette regarding calling ahead to let someone know you would like to stop by? Maybe if you answer this in the newspaper, Herb will see it and recognize himself. We need help!

FRUSTRATED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: And what if Herb doesn't see the column today? It has been known to happen with even the most devoted Dear Abby readers. There is nothing hurtful or rude about telling someone who drops by when you're not presentable that you're embarrassed to be "caught" that way, and to please call before coming over to ask if it's convenient. If necessary, say YOU read it in my column.

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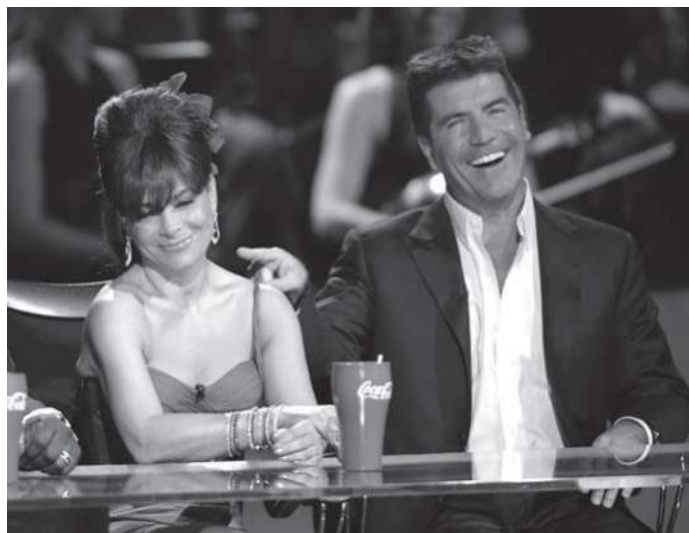
DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Celia" is 32 and single. She's beautiful, intelligent, hardworking and a great cook—but she can't keep a boyfriend! Celia has dated a lot of men and has no problem attracting them, but she does have a problem keeping them. After a few dates, they don't want to go out with her anymore. I don't know why. Have you any ideas?

CONCERNED ABOUT MY GIRL IN KENTUCKY

DEAR CONCERNED: Is Celia as anxious about her single status as you are? If so, few things chase a man off faster than a woman who's looking for a commitment too quickly. However, having never met or spoken with your daughter, I can't say what may be causing the men in her life to head for the door. Perhaps she should ask some of her friends for some honest feedback.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



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In this April 6, 2008 file photo, Randy Jackson, left, Paula Abdul, center, and Simon Cowell are seen on stage at the "Idol Gives Back" fund-raising special of "American Idol" in Los Angeles.

## Authorities: David Beckham in car crash on LA freeway

**TORRANCE, Calif. (AP)**—Authorities say David Beckham was behind the wheel of a car that rear-ended another vehicle on a Southern California freeway.

The California Highway Patrol said Saturday the soccer great was not hurt in Friday morning's crash, but the other car's driver was hospitalized after complaining of neck pain.

The patrol says Beckham's Cadillac struck a Mitsubishi stalled in the carpool lane of the

405 Freeway in Torrance.

The other driver, a 40-year-old Los Angeles man, was taken to a hospital as a precautionary measure. His name was not released.

Beckham was not cited.



Beckham

The 35-year-old Beckham joined Major League Soccer club Los Angeles Galaxy in 2007. Before that, he played in Europe for Manchester United and Real Madrid and was captain of England's national team from 2000 to 2006.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Lady Gaga criticizes Arizona immigration laws

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—Singer Lady Gaga says she doesn't agree with Arizona's tough immigration law and wrote the song "Americano" as a response to it. Lady Gaga is in Mexico City for two concerts. She said during a news conference Friday she has a strong relationship to Mexican culture, then added: "I don't stand by many of those unjust immigration laws in my country." An immigration law passed last year allows Arizona police officers to question the immigration status of people they suspect are in the country illegally. That provision and others in the southwestern U.S. state are on hold pending a court challenge.

#### Pair of Princess Diana's dresses sell for \$276,000

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)**—Two dresses worn by Princess Diana have sold for a record \$276,000 at an auction in Beverly Hills. Darren Julien, president and CEO of Julien's Auctions, said Saturday that a black crepe evening gown Diana wore during a state visit in 1992 fetched the higher price of \$144,000. A light blue strapless gown with accompanying stole sold for \$132,000 and was worn on three occasions, including at the 1987 Cannes Film Festival. The auction attracted bidders from around the world, and organizers believe the recent royal wedding between Diana's son, Prince William, and Kate Middleton helped boost the sale price of both dresses. Princess Diana was killed in a car crash in Paris nearly 14 years ago. The dresses were designed by Catherine Walker.



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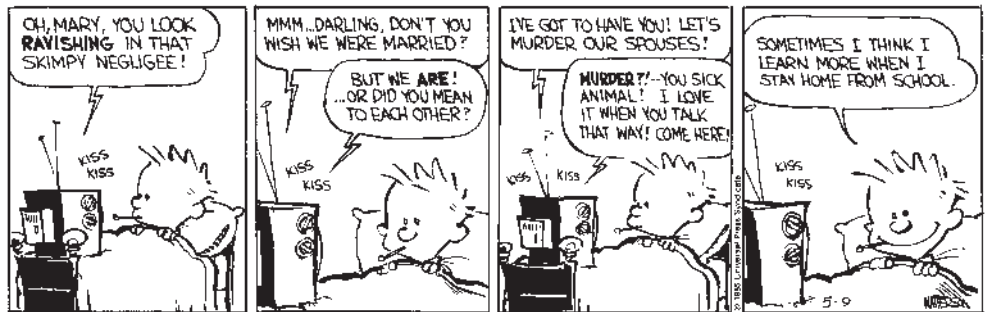
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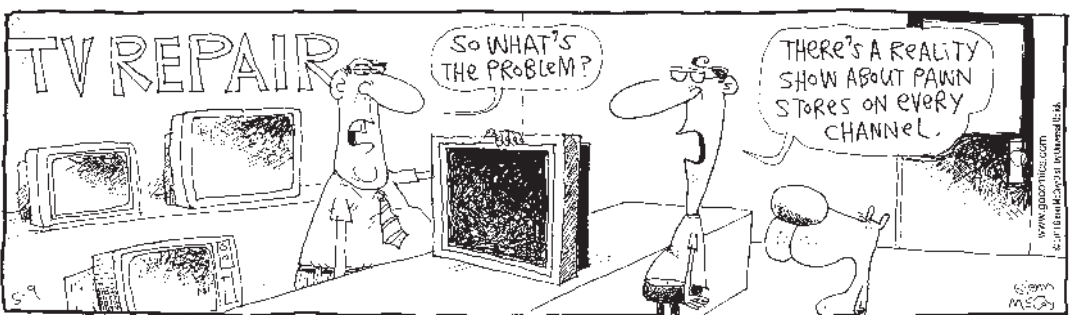


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By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Steve Yzerman, 46; John Corbett, 50; Billy Joel, 62; Candice Bergen, 65

Happy Birthday: Don't fight change. An open-minded attitude will help you take advantage of opportunities you might otherwise miss. See the potential in something that shows promise and can bring the results you want. If you work hard and finish what you start, you will be given more options and some of the perks that will make your life easier. Your numbers are 3, 8, 16, 22, 27, 30, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Relax and enjoy what life has to offer. Letting past relationships cause you to miss a great opportunity or event should not be allowed. Socializing and networking will bring interesting and satisfying encounters. \*\*\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Not everyone will agree with the way you handle home and family matters. Upset due to emotional disagreements will back you into a corner. Walk away rather than reveal information that is of a secretive or sensitive nature. Don't take chances. \*\*

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# Rondo returns, helps Celtics beat Heat



**BOSTON (AP)**—His left arm wrapped in a sleeve and dangling lifelessly by his side, Rajon Rondo broke for the basket and sailed past LeBron James for a layup.

The dislocated elbow and stiff back weren't going to stop him.

Rondo still had one good arm - and his legs.

The Celtics point guard had 11 assists in the game and a pair of one-armed baskets in the fourth quarter on Saturday night to lead Boston to a 97-81 victory over the Miami Heat in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"He showed he's a really tough young individual," said Kevin Garnett, who had 28 points and 18 rebounds - more than he had in the first two games combined. "I don't know what he's going to be like when he's 35, but right now he's playing pretty well."

Miami leads the best-of-seven series 2-1, with Game 4 on Monday night in Boston.

Paul Pierce scored 27 for the defending East champions, who managed to avoid a 3-0 hole that no NBA team has ever overcome. But they came out of it with injuries to both point guards: Coach Doc Rivers said Rondo's future availability is in question, and Delonte West had his bruised left shoulder wrapped at the end of the game.

"The playoffs are here. This is what it's about: Bruises, whatever, you've got to keep on going," West said. "I think that light clicked on for us today."

Dwyane Wade had 23 points and seven assists, and Joel Anthony continued to contribute off the bench, scoring 12 with 11 rebounds. Playing in the building where his Cleveland career came to an end, spurring his free agency defection to Miami, James scored 15 points as he and Wade combined to make just 14 of 35 shots from the floor.

Wade was also the one who fouled Rondo in the third quarter as the two got tangled up and crashed to the court. Rondo landed awkwardly on his left arm; he had to be helped to his feet and led from the floor while team Dr. Brian McKeon immobilized Rondo's arm.

But even as the Celtics were announcing that Rondo had a dislocated left elbow, he was back on the bench. He returned for the start of the fourth and - despite playing with his left arm dangling at his side - provided the Celtics with the spark they had been missing in the first two games.

"We understand fully now how tough it is to take down a champion," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "All this fuel, the last three days, that was going on, I was cringing. Because you know this is a proud group, and you knew they would have a response."

After two sloppy games in Miami in which it unraveled at the end, Boston provided its first real resistance in the series, jumping to a 16-7 lead in the opening minutes. The Heat came back in the second quarter to take the lead, but the Celtics posted a dominating second half, with Rondo as their emotional leader.

Returning to the Celtics' bench at the end of the third quarter, Rondo received a standing ovation from the crowd when a picture of him on the bench was shown on the scoreboard.

"The first report was 'dislocated - out,' basically for good," Rivers said.



Boston Celtics' Rajon Rondo (9) uses his right arm to try to steal the ball from Miami Heat's Mario Chalmers during the second half of Boston's 97-81 win in Game 3 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball series in Boston Saturday, May 7, 2011.

"Thirty seconds later, I was in the huddle and I saw Rondo walk by me, and it looked like he was going to play. Clearly, that got everyone excited. It was awesome to see him back out on the floor."

Rondo was obviously favoring his left arm when he returned, but that didn't stop him from a right-handed dunk after a steal and breakaway with 8:39 left that gave Boston an 81-63 lead. Two minutes later he drove in and laid it up over James.

He finished with six points, four of them in the fourth quarter.

"I didn't have to do much scoring - just directing," he said. "That's using your mouth, using my legs."

Miami led 46-44 at the half, but the Celtics scored nine of the first 10 points, capped by Rondo's first basket of the game, a driving layup with 3 minutes gone in the third that gave Boston a 53-47 lead. In all, the Celtics scored 16 of the first 20 points of the second half; James missed three of four free throws during the span, and the only other points came on a 3-pointer by Wade.

Shaquille O'Neal returned for

Boston and was not much of a factor. He scored two points, with zero rebounds, in 8:29 for his first action of the postseason.

## Grizzlies 101, Thunder 93

In Memphis, the Grizzlies are finding a little desperation can carry them a long way.

How far? That remains to be seen, but they sure keep finding ways to win.

Zach Randolph had 21 points and a franchise-record 21 rebounds, and the Grizzlies rallied from a 16-point deficit to stun the Oklahoma City

## Kobe not counting out Lakers despite 3-0 deficit

**DALLAS (AP)**—Kobe Bryant knows the deal. His Los Angeles Lakers are down 0-3 to the Dallas Mavericks and none of the 98 NBA teams facing that deficit have ever come back to win a series.

Yet Bryant also knows his team has won the last two championships, and reached the finals three straight years. And that his soon-to-be-retired coach has won a record 11 championships and has never been swept in his 20 years on the sideline.

Bryant also realizes how close his team is to leading this series 2-1. They blew a 16-point lead in the opener, losing only in the final seconds, and on Friday night they fell apart down the stretch again on the way to a 98-92 loss.

So, with all that in mind, he made this declaration following the Game 3 defeat: "I think we're still going to win the series."

Confidence, eh? Well, he also prefaced that line by laughing and saying, "I might be sick in the head or crazy."

The Lakers have mostly themselves to blame for being in this predicament. Leading by seven with 5:05 left, and having controlled the game throughout the second half, they got sloppy

on defense. They gave Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Terry and Peja Stojakovic wide open shots, and that turned things around in a hurry.

A 20-7 closing run jump-started by 3s from Nowitzki and Stojakovic put the Mavericks on the verge of not only winning this series, but pulling off a sweep. Dallas can move to the Western Conference finals for the first time since 2006 with a victory at home on Sunday.

"We're not good enough to relax or take the pedal off the metal," Nowitzki said. "You don't want to ever give a champion life, so hopefully we can have the same effort and the same crowd and a great game on Sunday."

The Mavericks scored 32 points in the fourth quarter, the most by either team in any period this series. Bryant said the Lakers helped by making "some of the dumbest defensive mistakes I've seen us make all year."

"We're disappointed," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who has never been down 0-3 in a series, much less been swept, in 20 years as an NBA coach. "We feel like Games 1 and 3 we controlled the pace of the games. They were better at finishing the games than we were. But we still

believe we're going to win the next game and we'll go from there."

Nowitzki and the Mavericks want to get this over with as soon as possible.

This veteran-filled club would love to avoid another long round-trip flight and to start resting up for the next series. Dallas would be the home team in the conference finals, regardless of whether Oklahoma City or Memphis advances.

For a franchise that's perennially underachieved, and is still trying to overcome blowing a 2-0 lead in the 2006 NBA finals, ending this series Sunday also would send a great message about their chances of winning their first title. It also would avoid any chance of yet another postseason disaster.

"We don't want to open the door for them because then it will be hard to close," forward Shawn Marion said.

Missing the suspended Ron Artest, Jackson gambled with a starting lineup featuring 6-foot-10 Lamar Odom at small forward, alongside 7-footers Andrew Bynum and Pau Gasol. The Lakers logically pounded the ball inside with great results. Even Bryant started getting into the paint, making his first layup of the series

Thunder 101-93 in overtime Saturday and grab a 2-1 lead in their Western Conference semifinal.

The Grizzlies are trying to do something no NBA team has done in climbing from the No. 8 seed all the way to the Western Conference finals. They moved two wins away from that by remaining undefeated on their home court this postseason.

Memphis coach Lionel Hollins knows his Grizzlies were fortunate, but says that's the NBA playoffs.

"In order to go further, you always have to be in games where you've got to do something miraculous in order to win the game," Hollins said. "I thought this was miraculous the way we fought back after being down 16, and it was a super win. And like I said, by the grace of God we were fortunate to come out on top."

The Grizzlies did it with an amazing comeback in a game they couldn't have looked more out of synch or rusty early, but scored the first six points of overtime to finish off the victory. Guard Mike Conley said the Grizzlies just didn't come with effort the first three quarters.

"I think once we looked up at the clock and saw how many points we were down, a little bit of desperation hit," Conley said. "We were like, 'Man, we cannot lose this game.' And guys amped up their game, made some changes here and there, and we were able to just be scrappy and play our game, and fortunately we got the win."

Kevin Durant, the NBA's scoring leader in the regular season and these playoffs, took only three shots in overtime and missed them all. He finished with 22 points, his lowest this postseason after averaging 31.6 points coming in. He also attempted only one free throw, which he missed. Durant groaned heavily as he walked away after talking with reporters.

"This is a tough loss," Durant said. "I'm trying to stay positive, but it was tough. This was tough. We were up 13 going into the fourth, had a good roll going. It was tough."

O.J. Mayo had 18 points off the bench. Conley also scored 18, Marc Gasol had 16 and Tony Allen 10.

Russell Westbrook had 23 points and 12 assists, but committed five of his seven turnovers after the third quarter before fouling out late in overtime for the Thunder. Serge Ibaka had 14 points and James Harden 12.

Thunder coach Scott Brooks said the Thunder played the way they wanted for three quarters.

"And we stopped doing it," Brooks said. "The last seven or eight minutes, we just stopped doing it, and we gave into their play. I give them credit. They really stepped up and got into us and made us take tough shots."

Some of the credit for the Memphis comeback can go to Hollins switching to a small lineup in the second half, trying something different with Oklahoma City packing the paint to contain Randolph and Gasol. Hollins told his smaller Grizzlies that those big men had carried them to this point and that the time had come for the perimeter players to step up.

Hollins went with Shane Battier, Allen, Mayo, Conley and Darrell Arthur for a stretch with Randolph and Gasol on the bench.



# Verlander throws 2nd no-hitter in Tigers win



**TORONTO (AP)**—Justin Verlander threw his second career no-hitter and the second in MLB this week as the Detroit Tigers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 9-0 in the American League on Saturday.

The only runner Verlander allowed came with one out in the eighth inning when J.P. Arencibia walked on a full count.

Minnesota's Francisco Liriano pitched a no-hitter against Chicago on Tuesday night.

Verlander (3-3) struck out 12 in his first no-hitter against Milwaukee on June 12, 2007. This time, he fanned Rajai Davis to end it with his fourth strikeout of the game. The right-hander threw 108 pitches.

Alex Avila and Jhonny Peralta also homered for the Tigers, who have won four of five.

Ricky Romero (2-4), who has lost four of his past five starts, allowed six runs and five hits in 3 1-3 innings.

## Indians 4, Angels 3

At Anaheim, California, Alex White pitched six innings for his first MLB win and South Korea's Shin-Soo Choo doubled home two runs to end an 0-for-18 drought since his arrest on drunk driving charges.

White (1-0) allowed three runs and seven hits, including a two-run homer by Vernon Wells, in his second start in the majors. He struck out six and walked two.

## Red Sox 4, Twins 0

At Boston, Clay Buchholz combined with four relievers on a three-hitter as Boston bounced back from two lopsided losses.

Jacoby Ellsbury had two hits and drove in two runs for the Red Sox, who had lost three straight games, including the last two by a combined score of 20-2. Jed Lowrie and Kevin Youkilis each had RBI singles.

Minnesota, which had won three straight, managed just three singles.

## Rays 8, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, Evan Longoria homered and drove in four runs and B.J. Upton hit a three-run homer as Tampa Bay equaled a season club record with its seventh straight road win.

Longoria doubled in a run in the first inning and hit a three-run shot off Jeremy Guthrie (1-5) in the third. It was his first homer after spending a month on the disabled list with a strained left oblique.

## Royals 4, Athletics 3

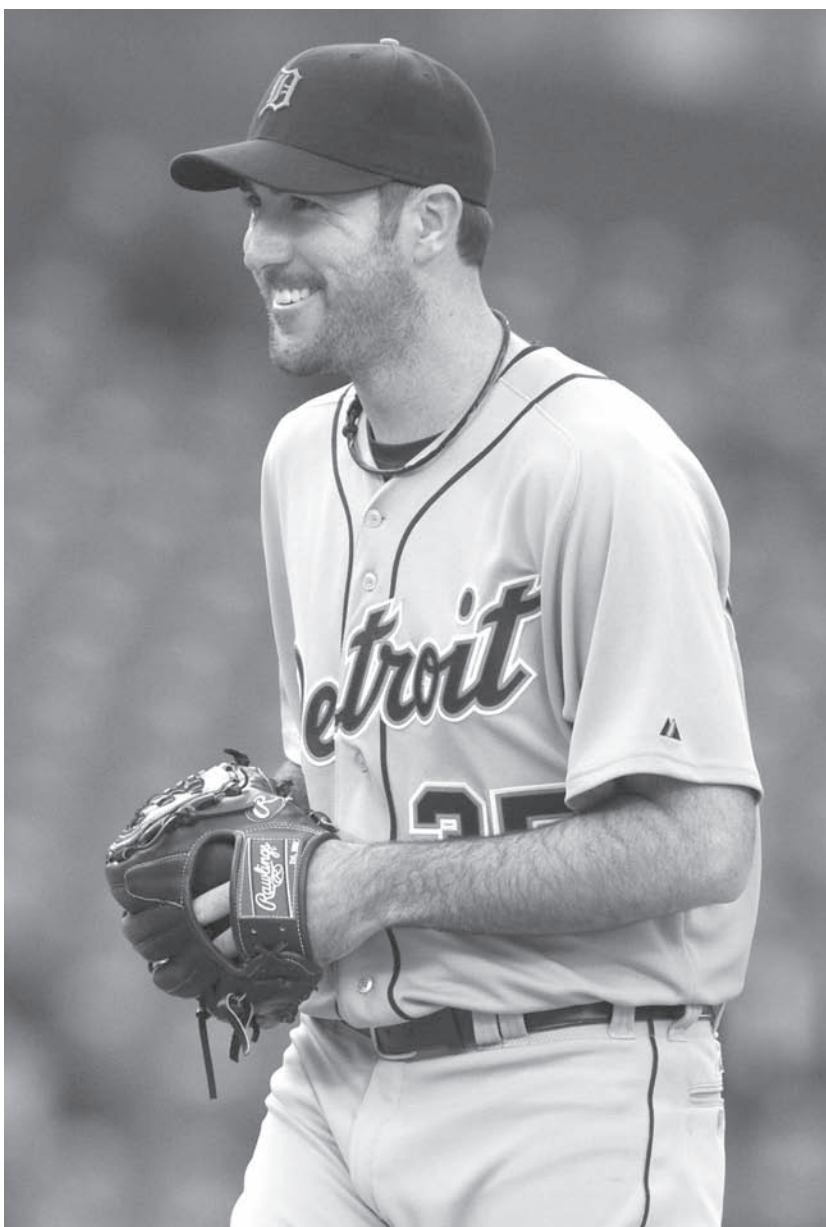
At Kansas City, Missouri, Mike Aviles hit a sacrifice fly to score Jarrod Dyson and give Kansas City its sixth walkoff win this season.

Billy Butler singled leading off the ninth against Brandon McCarthy (1-3), who had his second complete-game loss of the year. Dyson, a pinch-runner, sped to third when Jeff Francoeur singled, then made it home on Aviles sacrifice fly.

Joakim Soria (2-0) worked the ninth for the victory.

## Rangers 7, Yankees 5

At Arlington, Texas, Julio Borbon drove in three runs, including the go-ahead score with a squeeze bunt, as Texas held on after blowing an early



Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander smiles on the mound before throwing warm-up pitches in the bottom of the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto Saturday, May 7, 2011. Verlander threw a no-hitter in the Tigers' 9-0 win.

five-run lead.

With Mitch Moreland running toward home on a 1-1 pitch in the sixth, Borbon laid down the bunt and almost beat the throw to first. That broke a 5-all tie before Michael Young had an RBI single, his fourth hit, later in the inning.

## White Sox 6, Mariners 0

At Seattle, Gavin Floyd held Seattle to three singles in eight innings as Chicago got its second shutout of the season.

Floyd (4-2) struck out six and walked two before Tony Pena came in to pitch the ninth.

The bottom three White Sox hitters —

Alex Rios, Gordon Beckham and Brent Morel — combined to score four runs and drive in two. Entering the game, the three had a combined .192 average.

## Brewers 4, Cardinals 0

At St. Louis, Yovani Gallardo allowed only a single to start the eighth inning in Milwaukee's 4-0 victory over St. Louis on Saturday.

Gallardo (3-2) left after eight innings, the lone blemish Daniel Descalso's solid single up the middle on a 1-1 count. The Brewers' opening day starter entered the game with 53 hits allowed, tops in the major leagues, and ended a string of five poor outings in which he was 1-2 with an 8.89 ERA.

## Cubs 3, Reds 2

At Chicago, Kosuke Fukudome hit a game-ending single as Chicago scored twice in the ninth inning.

Carlos Pena led off the ninth with a homer to tie it. Blake DeWitt also homered for the Cubs, who have won three of four.

An out after Pena's homer, DeWitt singled up the middle. He advanced to third on Jeff Baker's ground-rule double to center field. Fukudome won it with a two-out single up the middle.

## Phillies 3, Braves 0

At Philadelphia, fill-in starter Kyle Kendrick and four relievers combined on a five-hitter and Ryan Howard homered for Phillies.

Kendrick (2-2) allowed two hits, walked one and struck out three in five innings. He replaced Roy Oswalt, who went on the disabled list Friday with lower back inflammation.

## Pirates 6, Astros 1

At Pittsburgh, Charlie Morton took a shutout into the eighth inning and Lyle Overbay homered as the Pirates won for the fourth time in six games.

Morton (4-1) worked 7 2-3 innings while allowing seven hits and one run to win consecutive starts for the first time in his career. Morton has already

doubled his win total from last season, when he went 2-12 in 17 starts.

## Nationals 5, Marlins 2

At Miami, Tom Gorzelanny pitched seven innings and two relievers completed a two-hitter for Washington.

Gorzelanny (2-2) gave up a two-run homer to John Buck—the only runs allowed by the left-hander in his past 18 1-3 innings. Sean Burnett pitched a perfect eighth, and Drew Storen (notes) followed with a 1-2-3 ninth for his seventh save in as many chances.

## Mets 4, Dodgers 2

At New York, pinch-hitter Justin Turner's single snapped an eighth-inning tie and New York stopped Andre Ethier's hitting streak at 30 games.

Emergency starter Dillon Gee pitched effectively into the sixth and Jason Pridie had a career-high three hits. New York has won three straight since losing five of six. Ethier went 0 for 4 with a first-inning walk.

## Diamondbacks 6, Padres 0

At San Diego, Justin Upton hit a two-run homer and Daniel Hudson won his third straight start for Arizona.

The Padres have been shut out a major league-high eight times in 33 games. They dropped to 6-14 at home, worst in the majors.

Hudson (3-4) allowed five hits in seven innings while striking out six and walking none.

## Giants 3, Rockies 2

At San Francisco, Mike Fontenot hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning to drive in Aaron Rowand for the Giants' second walkoff win in two nights.

Rowand and Freddy Sanchez hit consecutive singles off reliever Felipe Paulino (0-3) to begin the rally. After a pitching change, Franklin Morales threw a wild pitch that sailed over the head of catcher Chris Iannetta and advanced both runners. Fontenot then hit a deep fly to right to easily score Rowand.

# Wild Ride: Animal Kingdom wins Kentucky Derby



**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)**—John Velazquez won the Kentucky Derby by a broken nose.

An injury to Animal Kingdom's regular rider, Robby Albarado, cleared the way for Velazquez to pick up the mount on the 20-1 long shot. Once he took the reins Saturday, he rode his good luck all the way to the winner's circle.

"For once, I'm on the good end of it," Velazquez said. "All of a sudden I pick up this one and he wins the Derby, so it was meant to be."

The last three years, the New York-based jockey came to Churchill Downs with a colt considered a leading contender, only to have it withdrawn.

This time, he was supposed to ride early second choice Uncle Mo before the colt was scratched due to a lingering stomach problem. Then Albarado broke his nose when he was thrown off his horse and kicked in the face before a race three days ago.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

Animal Kingdom, who had never raced on dirt before, reacted to his

new rider the way a champion should, charging down the middle of the stretch to win by 2 3/4 lengths in front of a crowd of 164,858, the largest in Derby history.

He ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:02.04—well off Secretariat's track record of 1:59.40 in 1973—and paid \$43.80, \$19.60 and \$13.

Nehro returned \$8.80 and \$6.40, while Mucho Macho Man was another neck back in third and paid \$7 to show.

"It's words that you can't describe," Velazquez said. "But I do really feel really bad for Robby. I hope he's winning the Derby with me here. I know he got hurt, so this is for both of us, buddy. I know you're not on it, but I know you're with me."

Well, not exactly.

"I'm not happy," said Albarado, despite winning a \$345,600 stakes race on the Derby undercard. "Barry Irwin decided he didn't think I was fit to ride; he didn't know my status or situation. This just wasn't my time today."

Animal Kingdom is owned by Team Valor International, a partnership syndicate headed by Irwin, a former writer for the Daily Racing Form, the indus-

try's bible.

Irwin decided to switch riders when Albarado took Friday off to recuperate.

"It was a tough call because I really like Robby. He's won a lot of races for us, but we got 20 partners in this horse," Irwin said. "We got a large investment and I had to do what I thought was best for the partnership."

Like Velazquez, Irwin said he would make it up to Albarado.

Like his jockey, trainer Graham Motion got lucky, too.

His top Derby horse, Wood Memorial winner Toby's Corner, never even made it to Louisville. He had a leg injury and never left Motion's barn in Maryland.

"Somebody said, 'Are you surprised to win with a second-tier horse?'" Motion said. "I said, 'I'm not sure we would categorize him as a second-tier horse.' He's been an extraordinary horse to train. I was so impressed with how he handled everything."

Dialed In went off as the 5-1 favorite for two-time Derby-winning trainer Nick Zito, but finished eighth.

Mucho Macho Man's finish for

Kathy Ritvo tied her for second-best result by a female trainer in the 137-year-old race. Shelley Riley saddled Casual Lies to a second-place finish in 1992.

Rosie Napravnik was ninth aboard 8-1 second choice Pants On Fire in her bid to become the first female jockey to win. Still, her finish was the highest of the six women who've ridden in the Derby.

"I couldn't have wished for a better trip," she said.

Neither could Velazquez. The day was clearly his after going 0-for-12 in previous Derby tries.

"It was a loss for Robby, obviously, having the accident he had, and a win for me," Velazquez said. "Obviously, it turned out to be a great thing for myself."

Animal Kingdom won the Spiral Stakes on the synthetic surface at Turfway Park in his previous start. Though this was his first race on dirt, the winner had an easy trip, and Velazquez did a masterful job despite his unfamiliarity with the horse. They avoided trouble in the 19-horse field while running in the middle of the pack most of the way.



# Voyagers, Best Choice lead in SBA 8-ball league

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The IT&E Voyagers of Jonny's Bar & Grill and D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Best Choice are the current frontrunners of the Agingan and Obyan divisions in the Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-ball League.

The IT&E Voyagers were upset by sister team IT&E Incredible of Buddies' Bar & Grill, 4-3, on the road, but still hold the top spot in the four-team Agingan division with their 48-22 record.

Jonny's Home Boyz are currently ranked second in the

Agingan field with its 46-24 slate, while Utopia Bar's Docomo Hustlers are tied with IT&E Incredibles for third place with their identical records of 44-26.

Best Choice went into USSP Peleliu Club and ran the table on the Turtles (22-48), 7-0, and opened a five-game lead in the six-team Obyan standings with its 36-34 card.

With its 31-39 card thus far, USSP's Fotten Palau is seated second in the Obyan division with VFW Post 3457's X-Tream a game behind in third.

In other results, Home Boyz defeated the Docomo Hustlers, 4-3, at home; Fotten Palau topped D'Pirates' Pirates (21-49), 5-2, on the road; and X-



Members of the IT&E Incredibles pose for a photo after stunning top ranked and sister team IT&E Voyagers 4-3, in last week's SBA Budweiser Open 8-ball Agingan division pairing.

tream knocked off Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack (28-

one-time 8-ball sinkers Home Boyz's Mario Diola and IT&E Voyagers' Jojo Talibong, while IT&E Incredibles' Chester Hamoy has ran the rack a league leading five times this season.

Obyan notables include one-time 8-ball sinkers Shark At-

tack's Nong Detdon and Sam Babauta, X-Tream's George Lizardo, Joey Agulto, Chester Cuento, and Bobby Lozano, Best Choice's Tero Takai, Fotten Palau's John Mongami and Arnel Orbita, and Turtles' Patrick Cepeda.

## Masters baseball meeting tomorrow



Masters baseball players interested in representing the CNMI to the 3rd Pacific Islanders Masters Baseball Tournament are asked to attend an important meeting tomorrow.

The meeting is set for 5:30pm at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion across the

Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. Travel plans for the tournament that will be held in Guam will be discussed at the meeting. The tournament will run from June 4 to 11.

Interested and eligible players age 40 and above are urged to attend. Contact Tony I. Rogolifoi at 288-3515 for more information.

## PACQUIAO

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"I fought the best fighter in the world," Mosley said. "He has exceptional power, power that I've never been hit like this before."

Pacquiao knocked down Mosley with a left hook in the third round, a punch that sapped Mosley's willingness to engage. Pacquiao ran after Mosley the rest of the fight, but the former champion who has never been stopped in 18 years in the ring managed to stay away enough to finish the 12th round upright.

Pacquiao won 120-108 on one scorecard, 120-107 on a second and 119-108 on the third. The Associated Press had him winning 118-110.

For Mosley, the fight was strikingly similar to his bout a year ago against Floyd Mayweather Jr.—except this time Mosley didn't even land a big punch like he did early on against Mayweather. Mosley's biggest moment on this night came when referee Kenny Bayless mistakenly ruled that Mosley knocked Pacquiao down in the 10th round when he didn't even hit him with a punch.

The knockdown that wasn't spurred Pacquiao on as he went

after Mosley the rest of the round and again in the 11th. By then the crowd was cheering "Knock him out! Knock him out!" but Pacquiao - bothered by a cramp in his left leg since the fourth round - didn't have enough to finish him off.

"It wasn't my best performance," Pacquiao said. "I did my best. I did not expect this result."

The closest Mosley got to Pacquiao all night came at the beginning of the 12th round when he hugged Pacquiao before the two went about finishing their business. That took some of the fire out of Pacquiao, who didn't really go after the knockout in the final round.

Promoter Bob Arum defended putting Mosley in the ring against Pacquiao despite signs in Mosley's last two fights that his reflexes were slipping.

"Nobody can really perform against him," Arum said. "Some of these guys are pretty good fighters, but nobody in their whole experience has ever faced somebody like Pacman. Everybody is going to look the same way."

Pacquiao (54-3-2, 38 knockouts) was a 7-1 favorite and also the favorite of the crowd that gathered expecting to see another one of his thrilling per-

formances. That he couldn't deliver was the only bad part of the night for a fighter who doubles as a congressman in his native Philippines.

It wasn't the distractions of trying to do two jobs well, Pacquiao said, but leg problems that first cropped up in his fight last November against Antonio Margarito.

"I thought Shane did a great job, he had some speed," Pacquiao said. "I couldn't move because my left leg got tight. It's a problem I've been having lately. I'm going to work on my legs in future training camps."

Mosley (46-7-1-1) said he thought he did a good job despite losing round after round, and wouldn't blame his bad performance on the fact he is 39 and has been fighting ever since he was a child.

Mosley was tentative from the opening bell, moving backward and unwilling to engage Pacquiao. With good reason, because a left hook by Pacquiao found its mark with a minute left in the third round and put Mosley on the canvas for only the third time in his 18-year pro career.

Mosley was up at the count of five, and managed to survive the final minute of the round despite Pacquiao's best efforts to take

him out. Pacquiao didn't come close to stopping him after that, but landed enough punches to the head that Mosley's right eye was nearly swollen shut in the late rounds and the left side of his face was puffy, too.

Pacquiao pressed the fight most of the night, but he, too, didn't take many chances, which trainer Freddie Roach said was because of the muscle cramp that his corner tried to massage between rounds.

"He had no leverage to move after that," Roach said. "It was a very gutty performance in my mind."

Perhaps, but the sellout crowd of 16,412 came to see more, and booed repeatedly in the late rounds. The boos were directed at Mosley, not Pacquiao, but it was clear early on this would not be a classic fight.

Mosley came into the ring with the song "Mama Says Knock You Out," but what would have been more appropriate if he had found a song called "Mama Says Don't Knock Me Out."

Mosley fought as if trying to protect his legacy of having never been stopped and, if that was his strategy, it succeeded. But it made for a lackluster fight and did nothing to burnish the legacy that the Filipino cham-

pion has built with 14 straight wins over the last six years - including some over some of the biggest names in the game.

Pacquiao, who wore yellow gloves as a symbol of solidar-

## IT&E

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IT&E took a 5-0 lead in the second inning off a couple of errors and RBI singles by Gayvan Uchau and Kaipat.

Survivors got a run back in the top of the third off an error, but IT&E countered later in the fourth and jumped ahead, 8-2.

Ian Rogolifoi cracked a two-RBI double followed an out later by an RBI base knock from Davin Ada.

Survivors went 1-2-3 in the fifth and Rogolifoi this time connected with an RBI single and added an insurance run.

With their backs against the wall, the Survivors managed a couple runs off their only two hits from a leadoff triple by Jeremy Lizama, a double by Paul Celis, and a wild pitch in the sixth inninh. However, IT&E regained its form and held strong for the win.

IT&E's Keene Guerrero came to the mound to close it for Wanket in the final frame.

Winning pitcher Wanket allowed two earned runs in six innings off a pair of hits and six walks with four strikeouts. On offense, Rogolifoi batted 3-for-3 with three RBIs, two runs, and a hit-by-pitch.

## Falcons 6, Ol'Aces 2

The Ol'Aces' Mike Muna belted a two-RBI single in the opening frame, but the Aces went cold after the first inning and only managed three base runners for the rest of the game.

Meanwhile, the Falcons' David Malwebug scored off an error in the third and singled home teammate Frankie Masga in the fourth inning to tie the game, 2-all. Masga then busted a double to put his Falcons ahead in the fifth, 4-2.

Falcons went on to add two more runs in the sixth off an error and a base rip by Evangelista.

## UMANGS

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beat Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (54 pts.) and Whispering Palms (36 pts.). Schools were awarded points based on how their athletes finished in each event. Only the Top 6 finishers got points with 10 given to the champion, eight to runner-up, six to third, four to fourth, two to fifth, and one to sixth.

San Vicente Elementary School was ranked fourth with 34 markers, followed by Oleai Elementary School (16), Kagman (15), WSR (10), and Tanapag (4).

Koblerville, Whispering Palms, and GTC also finished in

the Top 3 in the boys U8 division with the Umangs gaining 72 points, too to rule the division. Whispering Palms came out in second this time with 56 points, just one point ahead of third placer GTC.

Kagman, Tanapag, and Saipan International School were tied for fourth with 20 points each, followed by San Antonio (16), Dandan (12), Oleai (10), and Saipan Community School (4).

The Umangs got their most points in the boys U10 division with 94 for a 36-point margin against second-ranked Tanapag Elementary School (58), Whispering Palms had its second third place finish after collecting 40 points in the boys U10. Dandan finished fourth with 27 points.

In the girls U10, Koblerville blew out the competition with its 93 points. Garapan Elementary School was way behind in second place with its 34 points. San Antonio and Dandan had a close race in third and fourth with 29 and 28 points, respectively.

In the girls U12 division, it was Koblerville versus GTC again for the top spot with the Umangs prevailing with their 69 points against the latter's 46. San Antonio (44) had four more points against WSR (40) to complete the Top 3. SCS came in at fifth (38), followed by Whispering Palms (30), Tanapag (6), SIS (6), and Oleai (94).

In the boys U12 division, Koblerville did not have a lot

of qualifiers, allowing WSR to take the championship trophy. The Kingfishers logged 55 points for a slim three-point lead over Dandan (52). Tanapag finished third with 40 points, while SCS placed fourth with 32 markers.

Only the Top 3 schools in each division received trophies, while the Top 3 placers in each event were awarded with medals.

The All Schools competition supported by McDonald and the Public School System started on Friday night and concluded on Saturday with over 400 students participating in track and field events.

Results of the high school and junior high will be published in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

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Kansas City	18 15 .545 4 1/2
Detroit	16 18 .471 7
Minnesota	12 19 .387 9 1/2
Chicago	12 22 .353 11
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Los Angeles	19 15 .559 -
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# Akimaru tops Escape from Managaha

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Saipan  
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Kento

Akimaru was victorious in his return to SSC's Escape from Managaha, beating 32 other swimmers in Saturday's race.

Akimaru completed the 2.4-kilometer swim from Saipan's famous island to Micro Beach in 40 minutes and 4.21 seconds for his first win in his second attempt of crossing the channel. The 10-year-old SSC swimmer debuted in Escape from Managaha in 2007 and missed the 2008 and 2010 editions of the race. SSC did not have the race in 2009 and when it returned in 2010, Akimaru was off island and missed the event.

"It was a good swim although midway through the channel, the current was pushing me a bit out of the course. I saw a couple of eagle rays," said the second youngest swimmer in the race.

Akimaru and fellow SSC swimmer Victoria Chentsova appeared out of the water at the same time, but the former beat



Akimaru

the latter in the sprint to the finish line. Chentsova ended up with the second best overall time and first in the female division with her 40:05.35.

Last year's first place winners

Grace and Andrew Kimball dropped to second with their times of 41:13.19 and 45:31. Andrew, who was sick all week, but still joined the race, clocked in at 38:35 in last year's event, while her sister, Grace, submitted 40:48.

Escape from Managaha first-timer Keanna Villagomez was fifth overall, posting 45:38, while regular participant Gary De Guzman timed in 47:53 for sixth place. Rounding out the Top 10 were SSC coach Michael Villagomez (48:49), Bill Owens (49:42), Rachel Zuercher (51:48), and Tamio Nishido (51:54).

"We had over 15 first timers this year. Among them was eight-year-old Taiga Sato who swam with eight-year-old Lenosuke Suzuki, who did the race for the second time, but it was his first time without fins or other swimming aids. Joining Taiga for the first time was coach Mike Villagomez and daughter Keanna. Second timer, Lewie Tenorio swam with 15-year-old and first-timer Matthew Maeda," SSC's Lisa Kimball said.

"This was considered a personal challenge swim by many of the swimmers—they against

the distance and elements. They were allowed to wear fins, snorkel, mask, and wetsuit.

"One of the highlights of the race was the amount of sea life that swimmers get to swim with. Many eagle rays were sighted this year, but no jellyfish like last year. The heavy rain held off until everyone was finished, but those who took time to enjoy the sights were blessed with a double rainbow to the south," she added.

Other finishers of the morning race were Brian Morris (53:35), Suzy Kindel (55:20), Perry Conner (55:35), Vince Seman (56:16), Dan Calvo (57:02), Susan Marchitti (59:20), Manny Sitchon (1:00:30), Lee Perlow (1:00:35), Brad Ruszala (1:00:44), Jeff Taylor (1:00:52), Eric Cooke (1:02:14), Lisa Bell (1:03:47), Melody Matson (1:03:31), Carol Lynn Calobong-Pierce (1:08:03), Jennifer Pierce (1:08:03), Tenorio (1:09:18), Maeda (1:09:38), Yosh Gabaldon (1:10:09), Yoko Borja (1:21:21), Suzuki (1:12:32), Max Simian (1:12:45), Sato (1:13:27), Kimiko Hasegawa (1:14:27), and Lauretta Allen (1:14:52).

Meanwhile, SSC thanked the

following for ensuring the success of the race: Brian Bearden, Aric Bickel, Derek Chambers, Dennis Chapla, Judy Hawkins, Ann and Robert Jordan, Steven McKagan, Brian Stroup, Jason Tinney, motor boat patrol's Ser-

geant Santos and DPS-Boating Safety, John Hirsh, Lynn Tenorio, Jun Lee, Robert Torres, Don Dunlop and the Sunrider crew, Saipan Adventure Sports Club, American Red Cross, DFS, McDonalds, and PIC.

## Southern beats Mt. Carmel in MISO boys soccer league



A Saipan Southern High School striker looks for a passing lane during their MISO boys high school soccer match against Mount Carmel last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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The Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays defeated the Knights of Mount Carmel High School, 5-1, last Wednesday as the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization boys soccer season continued at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Souther issued Mt. Carmel its first loss in three games and stretched its undefeated streak to three.

The Manta Rays' Yong Park netted the first goal in the 17th minute of their match and teammate Boaz Lim made it a 2-0 lead just six minutes later. Then just before the break, Southern's Sang Woo Han scored in the 44th minute to put the Rays ahead, 3-0.

The MCS Knights scored on a

break away six minutes into second frame. However, Southern held its ground on defense from that point and drew a couple late goals from Yong Jun Jeon (58th) and Lim (62nd) for the big win.

Five teams make up the MISO league, including two squads from Marianas High School and one from Kagman High School.

Each squad will play six games in the regular season and all teams will advance to the double-round robin tournament on June 2. The championship game is set for June 4.

The season continues today when Mt. Carmel takes on MHS 2 at 4:15pm at the Oleai pitch. Other matchups include Kagman versus Southern on Wednesday and a Friday double-header featuring Southern and MHS 2 at 4:15pm and MHS 1 and Kagman at 5:30pm.



## Konflikt, Mobil win debuts in QQ Cup

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Konflikt came out on top of an intense battle

against Rollers Madness, while defending champion Mobil also won its debut during the opening of the 2nd QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup on Saturday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Konflikt pulled off an 87-84 overtime win in the second game of the opener, while Mobil outlasted Smart Cagers in the curtain raiser, 92-85. The two close victories provided a glimpse of the high level of competition expected in the QQ Cup.

Elgene Mangali came off the bench for Konflikt in overtime and drilled the crucial four of his 12 points in the payoff canto to help his team's cause. In regulation, Jawn Joyner canned an important free throw to send the game to extra five minutes.

Konflikt managed a slim 19-18 lead at the end of the first quarter off a triple from Elmer Esdreton late in the opening canto.

Then Konflikt stretched it to a two-possession margin at the half, 40-36. Esdreton and Bon Tamayo hooked up for 10 markers in the second quarter, while Madness' Ivan Devero delivered nine first-half points to keep his unit in contention.

Madness battled back and managed a few lead changes in the third quarter, but still



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Konflikt's Elmer Esdreton loses his balance as he goes up for a shot against Rollers Madness defenders during their game in the opening of Saturday's QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup at the Garapan Basketball Court.

trailed by a basket, 57-55, heading into the final canto. Madness' Manny Matagolai turned in 12 points in the third-quarter rally.

Then Devero took over at crunch time with 13 points and Madness stole the lead, 75-74, with less than a minute left on the clock. However, Konflikt got a break when Zack Babauta was called for a blocking foul on Joyner in the closing sec-

onds of the regulation. Babauta fouled out and Joyner had a split for the deadlock.

Esdreton led Konflikt with 23 points, while Devero had 30 in the loss.

In the first game, Mobil jumped to 27-16 advantage in the opening quarter. Ron Gamboa drilled two early treys that helped Mobil's sail catch wind.

Smart Cagers fought back in the second quarter, but still

trailed at the break, 47-41. Jun Estolas paced Mobil with seven markers in the second, while Smart Cagers' Errol Peredo tallied 21 in the frame.

Smart Cagers failed to grab the lead in the second half, as Peredo had only Pete Iguel helping him out on offense.

Mobil's drew eight points from Gyles Ruloked in the third period to keep the lead 68-61, with a quarter to go. Then Mobil sunk three more long balls in the made for its debut win.

Ruloked led Mobil with 20 points, Estolas had 17, and Gamboa and Larry Sharry chipped in 16 apiece. Peredo and Iguel combined for 66 on the short end.

### First Game

**Mobil 92** – Ruloked 20, Estolas 17, Gamboa 16, Sharry 16, Maratita 8, De Guzman 6, Fernando 3, Rabauliman 2, Wenceslao 2.

**Smart Cagers 85** – Peredo 36, Iguel 30, De Dios 7, Manalo 6, Montano 4, Usi 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 27-16, 47-41, 68-61, 92-85.

### Second Game

**Konflikt 87** – Esdreton 23, Joyner 18, Tamayo 13, Mangali 12, Libuw 7, Capalad 5, Mendoza 4, Gabaldon 2, Tumaquip 2, Ismaili 1.

**Rollers Madness 84** – Devero 30, Matagolai 23, Rasa 8, Reyes 8, Ulloa 7, Hambros 6, Babauta 3, Manglona 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-18, 40-36, 57-55, 75-75, 87-84 (OT).

## Trench Warz 14 moved to June 17

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Trench Tech Promotions has moved the Trench Warz 14: Ground Zero from June 3 to June 17, but the event will still be held at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

"We had to push back the fight date due to conflicting schedules with other events and business matters. Sorry if this may have caused you inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding," Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez said.

Trench Tech had to move Trench Warz 14 two weeks later as the much-anticipated Pacific Xtreme Combat rematch between Saipan's Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial of Marianas Elite and

Guam's Roque Martinez is set to take place in the Philippines on June 11.

If Fitial comes home with the PXC heavyweight belt, then it is likely that the Trench Tech family will recognize him the following week at Trench Warz 14 just as they did in March's Rites of Passage 10-Bad Intentions where they presented him with a "Peoples Champ" belt after being issued a questionable draw decision against Martinez in PXC 22's Battle for the Belt in January this year.

Other tentative Trench Tech dates include Rites of Passage 11: Onra on September 9 and Trench Warz 15: Supremacy on December 16.

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## IT&E Fielders clinch Junior League championship



The IT&E Fielders pose for a group photo after winning the Junior League championship game against the BTS-Martha's Store Survivors, 9-3, on Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The IT&E Fielders won the Junior League championship after dominating BTS-Martha's Store Survivors in the finals, 9-3, on Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

IT&E caught an early four-run spring in the second frame and rode it all the way to the Promise Land. Survivors' engine stalled at the start of the game and was held to just two hits by IT&E hurler Kai Wanket.

In the consolation game for third place honors, the Falcons bested the Ol' Aces, 6-2.

### IT&E Fielders 9, Survivors 3

After IT&E's Khobby Kaipat was grounded in the first run in the bottom of the opening frame,

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## Pacquiao wins lopsided bout vs Mosley

### Umangs rule All Schools

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Koblerville Elementary School ran the show in the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships held over the weekend at the Oleai Sports Complex.

The Umangs nearly swept the divisions they competed in, winning five of the six age group competitions in the



Northern Marianas Athletics-organized tournament. Koblerville topped both the girls and boys U8 and 10 age groups and won the girls U12 division. William S. Reyes Elementary School foiled Koblerville's sweep when the Kingfishers ruled the boys U12 age group.

In the girls' U8 division, the Umangs collected 72 points to

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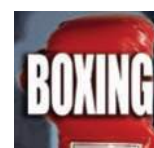
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Koblerville Elementary School, right, and Gregorio T. Camacho runners are in a close race a few meters away from the finish line in the girls U10 200m meter run during the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.



Manny Pacquiao, right, lands a punch against Shane Mosley in the fifth round during a WBO welterweight title bout, Saturday, May 7, 2011, in Las Vegas.

**L**AS VEGAS (AP)—Manny Pacquiao caught Shane Mosley early, then chased him the rest of the night. Not much more he could do against an aging fighter who seemed only to want to survive.



Pacquiao won a lopsided 12-round decision Saturday night, retaining his version of the welterweight title in a fight that was roundly booed over the late rounds because Mosley refused to trade punches.

Pacquiao won every round on two ringside scorecards in extending the remarkable run that has made him the most exciting fighter in the sport.

He also won the ungrudging respect of a veteran fighter who has been in with some of the best in the world.

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